

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Confluence Rivers Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc., for Authority to Acquire)	File No. WM-2025-0065
Certain Water Assets in an Area of)	
Gasconade County, Missouri (Gascony)	
Water Company, Inc.)	

RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., (“Confluence Rivers”) and for its *Response to Staff Report and Recommendation* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On August 26, 2024, Confluence Rivers filed an *Application and Motion for Waiver* (“Application”) with the Commission requesting approval of its acquisition of certain water assets of Gascony Water Company, Inc. (“Gascony”); a transfer of Gascony’s Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”), or a grant of a new CCN, to Confluence Rivers; and, a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

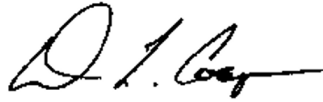
2. On November 26, 2024, Staff filed its *Report and Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* suggesting that the Commission approve Confluence Rivers’ Application, subject to the conditions/actions outlined in the Staff *Memorandum* and recommended that the Commission waive the 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

3. Confluence Rivers has reviewed the proposed conditions/actions listed on pages 9-10 of Staff’s *Memorandum* and states that it has no objection to those conditions/actions.

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers requests the Commission issue an order approving Confluence Rivers’ Application and authorize Gascony to sell and transfer utility assets to Confluence Rivers, grant Confluence Rivers a CCN as recommended in Staff’s *Memorandum*,

grant a waiver of Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), and grant such other and further relief as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 3rd day of December 2024 to all counsel of record.

