BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Joint Application of |) |
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| Confluence Rivers Utility Operating |) |
| Company, Inc., and Missouri-American |) |
| Water Company for Authority for |) File No. SM-2025-0067 |
| Confluence Rivers Utility Operating |) |
| Company, Inc. to Acquire Certain Sewer |) |
| Assets of Missouri-American Water |) |
| Company in Callaway and Morgan |) |
| Counties, Missouri |) |

ORDER DIRECTING JOINT RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 10, 2025 Effective Date: February 10, 2025

On August 27, 2024, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence Rivers) and Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) jointly filed an application requesting that the Commission approve the sale and purchase between them of nineteen small wastewater systems. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Recommendation that the Commission grant its approval, subject to twelve conditions.

On January 9, 2025, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation* (Response). The Response proposed four additional conditions, or, in the alternative, requested an evidentiary hearing.

On January 28, 2025, Confluence Rivers, MAWC, and Staff filed a *Joint Reply to OPC Response to Staff Recommendation* (Joint Reply). The Joint Reply indicated an objection to the first three of OPC's proposed conditions, but did not object to condition four.

On February 7, 2025, OPC filed its *Sur-Reply to Joint Reply to OPC Response to Staff Recommendation* (Sur-Reply). The Sur-Reply restated OPC's concerns and requested an evidentiary hearing.

The Commission will direct the parties to respond, jointly if possible, with three potential dates and times to schedule a procedural conference to be held via WebEx.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. No later than February 21, 2025, the parties shall file three choices for a preferred date and time for a procedural conference to discuss a schedule leading to an evidentiary hearing.
 - 2. This order is effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 10th day of February, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10th day of February 2025.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 10, 2025

File/Case No. SM-2025-0067

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippel Secretary

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