

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

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

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: March 7, 2025

Effective Date: March 7, 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. Notice was given, but the Commission received no applications to intervene. A procedural conference was held on February 21, 2025. Following the conference, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a joint proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission will adopt the proposed procedural schedule with some additional procedural requirements.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Applicant’s Direct Testimony	March, 19, 2025
DR Response Time – 10 calendar days to respond, 5 business days to object/indicate need for extension	March 20, 2025

Staff and Public Counsel Rebuttal Testimony	April 21, 2025
DR Response Time – 5 business days to respond, 3 business days to object/indicate need for extension	April 22, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony	May 23, 2025
Settlement Conference	May 28, 2025 9:00 a.m.
List of Issues	May 30, 2025
Position Statements	June 5, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	June 26-27, 2025
Initial Briefs	July 18, 2025
Reply Briefs	July 28, 2025

2. The hearing shall be held at the Commission’s office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Hearing will start on June 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:
- (A) Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
 - (B) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described, or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue, the parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue

that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

- (C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue. Position Statements shall track the list of issues. Any position statement shall set forth any order requested, cite any law authorizing that relief, and allege facts relevant under the law with citations to any pre-filed testimony in support.
- (D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (E) If testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter to be marked as an exhibit at the hearing. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each Commissioner, the Presiding Officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (F) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- (G) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving those documents on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. To provide additional security, confidential documents are considered served when filed in EFIS and shall not be served via e-mail.
- (H) With regard to data requests:
 - i. Each party serving a data request shall send an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request to counsel for each party contemporaneously with service of the data request.
 - ii. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS if feasible. If infeasible, data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in electronic format on compact disc or by

other means agreed to by counsel. Additionally, if the description of a Staff-issued data request contains confidential information or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy.

iii. The parties shall try to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

iv. Starting March 20, 2025, the response time for all data requests shall be ten (10) calendar days, with five (5) business days to object or notify the requesting party that additional time is necessary.

v. Starting April 22, 2025, the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) calendar days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that additional time is necessary.

(I) Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

Confluence Rivers	1-99
MAWC	100-199
Staff	200-299
Public Counsel	300-349

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add a 1 to the beginning of its assigned numbers. For example, if Confluence Rivers has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 99, its next exhibit numbers would be 1001, 1002, 1003, etc.

(J) Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and submit a copy of that list to every other party and to the regulatory law judge prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

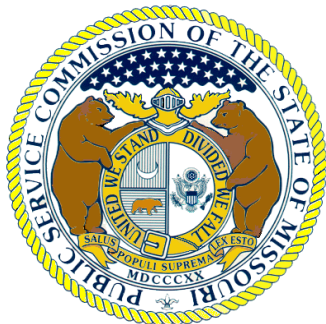
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of March, 2025.

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 7th day of March 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 7, 2025

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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