

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

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence	)	
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. for a	)	
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to	)	<u>Case No. SA-2026-0248</u>
Provide Sewer Service in an Area of Knox	)	
County, Missouri (Consolidated Public Water	)	
Supply District No. 1 of Knox County, Missouri	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On March 24, 2026, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence”) filed an Application requesting approval of its acquisition of the sewer system assets of the Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Knox County (hereafter, “Knox County PWSD”) as well as a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to operate and provide service to the public in the Knox County PSWD service area.

2. The Application requested a waiver of the 60-day notice of the case filing requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(D).

3. On April 7, 2026, Confluence Rivers filed a Notice of Mailing informing the Commission that on April 6, 2026, it mailed to each of the customers of which it had record the required notice in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-60.050(2).

4. On April 29, 2026, Staff filed a request for an extension of time to file its recommendation due to outstanding data requests and the need for further discovery. That motion was granted and Staff was ordered to submit its recommendation no later than June 29, 2026.

5. On June 29, 2026, Staff filed a Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation, which was granted. Staff was ordered to submit its recommendation no later than July 29, 2026.

6. As detailed in the attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Confluence's request to acquire the Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Knox County, Missouri and its request for a certificate of convenience and necessity, with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant Confluence's requests with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of July, 2026.

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