

**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 Provide Sewer	)	Case No. SA-2026-0248
Service In an Area of Knox County, Missouri	)	
(Consolidated Public Water Supply District	)	
No. 1 of Knox County, Missouri).	)	

RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On March 24, 2026, Confluence Rivers filed an application requesting that the Commission approve its acquisition of the sewer system assets of the currently unregulated system of the Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Knox County, Missouri and grant Confluence Rivers a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate the systems and provide service to the public.

2. On July 29, 2026, Staff filed its *Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* suggesting that the Commission approve Confluence Rivers’ Application, subject to the conditions/actions outlined in the Staff *Memorandum*.

3. Confluence Rivers has reviewed the proposed conditions/actions listed on pages 26-28 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 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 5th day of August 2026, to all counsel of record.

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