BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Authority to Issue Long-Term Debt and to Secure Same with a Lien on its Property

File No. WF-2023-0023

RESPONSE TO OPC'S REVISED CONDITION

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers" or "Company"), and for its *Response to OPC's Revised Condition* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission"):

1. On October 17, 2022, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed its response to Staff's recommendation, which supported Staff's recommendation that the Commission approve Confluence River's requested financing authority along with Staff's proposed conditions and proposed an additional three conditions. Confluence Rivers replied in opposition to those OPC conditions on October 21, 2022, and the Commission set this matter for a Procedural Conference to take place on October 28, 2022.

2. As indicated in OPC's *Response to Confluence Reply*, filed October 27, 2022, Confluence Rivers and OPC have had the opportunity to further discuss this matter. By the referenced document, OPC has withdrawn its additional three conditions and, in their place, OPC proposed one additional condition:

Subject to the Commission's rules regarding confidentiality, within (30) days from the issuance of any financing authorized pursuant to a Commission order issued in this proceeding, Confluence shall provide to the OPC and Staff all correspondence either provided to or received from CoBank related to the closing of the loan approved by the Commission.

3. Confluence Rivers does not object to the OPC's one additional condition, as described in the *Response to Confluence Reply*.

4. Accordingly, Confluence Rivers asks that the Commission cancel the procedural conference currently scheduled for October 28, 2022 and issue an order approving the proposed financing at its earliest convenience.

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers requests the Commission consider this *Response to* OPC's Revised Condition and, thereafter, issue an order approving Confluence Rivers' Application, subject to the conditions found in Staff's *Memorandum* and OPC's *Response to* Confluence Reply, and for 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 27th day of October 2022 to all counsel of record.

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