

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 9

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20170166-WS – Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.

Issue 1: Should Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.’s requested increases be approved as filed?

Recommendation: No. Staff recommends incremental revenue requirement increases of \$170,861 for water and \$53,377 for wastewater as opposed to the Utility’s requested incremental revenue requirement increases of \$194,159 for water and \$57,545 for wastewater.

DEFERRED to May 8, 2018, Commission
Conference.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are the appropriate water and wastewater rates for Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.?

Recommendation: The recommended monthly water rates are shown on Schedule No. 3 of staff's memorandum dated April 6, 2018, and the recommended monthly wastewater rates are shown on Schedule No. 4 of staff's memorandum dated April 6, 2018. The recommended rates should be designed to produce additional revenues of \$170,861 (12.16 percent increase) for water and \$53,377 (5.53 percent increase) for wastewater. The percent increases should be applied as an across-the-board increase to the existing rates. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice to reflect the Commission-approved rates. The approved rates should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475(1), F.A.C. In addition, the approved rates should not be implemented until staff has approved the proposed customer notice and the notice has been received by the customers. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

Issue 3: Should the meter installation charge requested by Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. be approved?

Recommendation: Yes. The meter installation charge of \$268 for a 5/8" x 3/4" meter and actual cost for all other meter sizes should be approved. The Utility should file revised tariff sheets and a proposed customer notice. Pluris should provide notice to property owners who have requested service within the 12 calendar months prior to the month the application was filed to the present. The approved charges should be effective for connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. The Utility should provide proof of the date notice was given within 10 days of the date of the notice.

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Issue 4: What is the appropriate amount by which rates should be reduced in four years after the published effective date to reflect the removal of the amortized rate case expense as required by Section 367.081(8), F.S?

Recommendation: The water and wastewater rates should be reduced, as shown on Schedule Nos. 3 and 4 of staff's memorandum dated April 6, 2018, to remove rate case expense grossed-up for RAFs and amortized over a 4-year period. The decrease in rates should become effective immediately following the expiration of the four-year rate case expense recovery period, pursuant to Section 367.081(8), F.S. Pluris should be required to file revised tariffs and a proposed customer notice setting forth the lower rates and the reason for the reduction no later than one month prior to the actual date of the required rate reduction. If the Utility files this reduction in conjunction with a price index or pass-through rate adjustment, separate data should be filed for the price index and/or pass-through increase or decrease and the reduction in the rates due to the amortized rate case expense.

Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff's verification that the revised tariff sheets and customer notice have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.