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Re: Docket No. 20230083-WS - Application for Increase in Water and Wastewater Rates in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, LLC.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Pluris Wedgefield, LLC. (Pluris or Utility) provide responses to the following data requests.

1. Please provide the Utility's response to each finding from Commission staff's January 22, 2024, audit.
2. In MFR Schedules B-1 and B-2 the Utility requested an adjustment to a provision for income taxes (line 6). The following questions relate to that.
 - a. What is the current tax filing status of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC?
 - b. Does Pluris Wedgefield, LLC pay income taxes directly?
 - c. If not, who pays the income taxes for Pluris Wedgefield, LLC?
3. Please provide a description of the bid process. When does Pluris plan to finalize bid selection?
4. Please explain the reason for including a 30 percent contingency fee in the pro forma cost as, opposed to a different amount. Has the Commission previously approved a 30 percent contingency fee for Pluris or any other utility? If so, please identify the Docket(s). If none or a portion of the 30 percent contingency is used will that reduce the cost of the pro forma project?
5. Please provide documentation supporting the project bonding cost.
6. Please provide information on when the asbestos-cement pipes were originally installed. What is the expected useful life or design life of the pipes?

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7. How were the I&I calculations done for the wastewater facility? Please provide detail regarding inputs and formulas used in the calculations.

Please provide responses to the above requests for data no later than February 12, 2024.

Sincerely,

Justin Sowards

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Public Utilities Supervisor

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