

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.
for an increase in water and wastewater
rates in Orange County, Florida

DOCKET NO. 120152-WS

~~claim of confidentiality~~
~~notice of intent~~
~~X~~ Request for confidentiality
filed by OPC

**PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

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PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC. (the "Utility"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Request for Confidential Classification in relation to responses submitted in connection with the Utility's responses to Staff's Fourth Data Request.

1. Pursuant to Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, this Commission has the authority to classify certain material as proprietary confidential business information. This classification exempts the material from public disclosure under Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.

2. The Utility requests that certain information provided to Staff in connection with responses to Staff's Fourth Data Request be classified as proprietary confidential business information under Section 367.156(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.06, Florida Administrative Code (the "Confidential Information"). If this request is granted, then the subject portions of said response to will be exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a Justification Matrix providing a justification for the Utility's request. The information is enclosed herein both in highlighted and redacted format.

3. The information produced in response to Staff's Fourth Data Request for compensation information is intended to be and is treated by the Utility as private and confidential

and has not been disclosed externally and has been strictly controlled internally.

4. A portion of the information consists of employee's name and title, base salary, benefits, taxes, pension information and total compensation. This information should be classified as proprietary confidential business information because its disclosure would impair the Utility's

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competitive interests, provide other utility companies information to lure employees away (thereby driving up salaries and rates), and create circumstances under which infighting and employee morale could be negatively affected. See Florida Power & Light Company et al. v. Public Service Commission, 31 So. 3d 860 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010). This Commission has routinely protected salary information since this opinion was rendered.

5. Requiring the disclosure of each employee's compensation information violates each employee's right to privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution.

WHEREFORE, PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC. prays for the entry of an order treating the information identified in this Motion as confidential and exempt from disclosure.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of
January, 2013, by:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification has been sent to the PSC Clerk by hand-delivery and furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties this 10th day of January, 2013:

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JUSTIFICATION MATRIX

<u>Location</u> (Specific request w/page number)	<u>Justification</u> <i>Please note: All information for which the Utility requests confidential treatment has been kept confidential by the Utility, and intends to keep such information confidential.</i>
Request Response 9. (All of amounts in the column titled Wages)	<p>§367.156(3)(d) Disclosure of compensation data, overtime data and salary increase data would impair the ability of the Utility to contract for employees on favorable terms.</p> <p>§367.156(3)(e) Disclosure of the compensation data would impair the Utility's competitive interests as described in <u>Florida Power & Light Company et al. v. Public Service Commission</u>, 31 So. 3d 860 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010). The Utility keeps this information strictly confidential to prevent other utilities from stealing their employees and to prevent lowered morale and infighting among employees who have the same position but varying wages.</p> <p>Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution. Disclosure of the information would invade the privacy rights of the employee.</p>