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September 22, 2023
via efilng

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20230083-WS - Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC (“Utility”) we are simultaneously electronically filing the Application, MFR Vol. I (financial information), Vol. II (billing analysis) and Vol. III (engineering information). Along with a copy of this letter to be delivered to your office will be the following:

1. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.436(4), Florida Administrative Code, ten paper copies of MFR Vol. I (financial information), two copies of MFR Vol. II (billing analysis), and a USB flash drive with MFR Vol. I in Microsoft Excel format.
2. Pursuant to Rule 25-30.437(3), Florida Administrative Code, two paper copies of MFR Vol. III (engineering information) and one paper copy of the maps.
3. Our check in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the foiling fee.

Should you or Staff have any questions regarding this application please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin S. Friedman
Martin Friedman

MSF:

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and
wastewater rates in Orange County by
Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

Docket No. 20230083-WS

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN RATES

Applicant, PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, LLC (the “Utility”), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 367.081 and 367.082, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-30, Florida Administrative Code, files this Application for an increase in its water and wastewater rates in Orange County.

I.

The following information is provided pursuant to Rule 25-30.436, Florida Administrative Code:

1. (a) (i) The name of the Utility and its mailing address is:

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC
5950 Berkshire Lane, Ste. 800
Dallas TX 75225

- (ii) The address of the Florida office is:

1102 S. Florida Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33803

- (iii) The names and address of the persons authorized to receive notices

and communications in respect to this application are:

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Orlando, FL 32801
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(b) The Utility is a Florida limited liability company authorized to do business in Florida on December 28, 2018. The names and addresses of the persons owning more than 5% of the Utility's membership interest are:

Pluris Holdings, LLC 100%
5950 Berkshire Lane, Ste. 800
Dallas TX 75225

(c) The Company's last general rate proceeding was in Docket No. 20120152-WS utilizing a 2011 calendar test year, which culminated in the issuance of Order No. PSC-2013-0187-PAA-WS as amended by Order No PSC-2013-0187A. The Utility subsequently had a Limited Proceeding in Docket No. 20170166-WS, which culminated in the issuance of Order No. PSC-2018-0311-PAA-WS.

(d) The address where the Application is available for customer inspection during the time the rate application is pending is:

20449 Mansfield Street
Orlando, FL 32833

(e) Not applicable.

(f) The Affidavit of Maurice Gallarda, the Manager of the sole member of the Utility, affirming that the Utility will comply with the noticing requirements of Rule 25-22.0407, F.A.C., is attached hereto.

(g) The Utility requests that that the case be processed using the proposed agency action procedure outlined in Section 367.081(10), F.S.

(2) The appropriate filing fee of \$4,000.00 (between 501 and 2,000 ERCs of water and wastewater each) will be provided to the Office of Commission Clerk with the paper copies of the MFRs.

(3) The Utility knows of no deviations from the policies, procedures and guidelines prescribed by the Commission in relevant rules or in the Utility's last rate case.

(4) Pursuant to Rule 25.30.436(4), F.A.C., within seven calendar days of e-filing this Application, ten paper copies of the financial MFRs (and a USB drive with the financial MFRs in Excel), and two paper copies of the billing analysis, will be provided to the Office of Commission Clerk.

(5) The Utility is requesting water and wastewater rates which would allow it to recover all expenses that the Utility will incur on a going-forward basis utilizing an historic test year with the addition of a pro forma capital project, and generate a fair rate of return on its investment on all property considered used and useful in the public service. The revenue which the Company requests should be adjusted to incorporate the repression in the customer usage as a result of the rates established in this case, in accordance with the standard Commission methodology. The Utility has demonstrated through the supporting schedules that it is earning outside its range of reasonable returns, calculated in accordance with Section 367.082(5), Florida Statutes.

II.

The Utility also requests an increase in miscellaneous service charges as set for in the MFRs, that customer deposits be established at two times the average monthly bill based upon the approved rates, and that a deposit for temporary hydrant meters in the amount of \$1,500.00 be approved.

III.

The Utility is also e-filing the additional engineering information required pursuant to Rule 25-30.437(3), Florida Administrative Code. Within seven calendar days of e-filing this Application, two paper copies of the engineering MFRs, and one copy of the required map will be provided to the Office of Commission Clerk.

IV.
[Pro Forma Capital Projects]

The Utility has one pro forma capital project to replace the Asbestos-Cement pipe currently in service in its water system. The preliminary cost analysis is included in Volume III (which encompasses the engineering information required by Rule 25-30.437(3), F.A.C.) The pro forma capital project will be completed no later than December 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the Utility requests that the Florida Public Service Commission do the following:

1. Not withhold consent to the effectiveness of the proposed final water and wastewater rate increase as requested in this Application in accordance with the schedules contained in the financial MFRs.
2. Should the Commission suspend the requested rate increase, then approve an interim increase in accordance with the with the financial MFRs.
2. Grant final water and wastewater rates and charges as requested herein and contained in the financial MFRs.
3. Provide such other and further relief as is fair, just and equitable.


Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of
September, 2023, by:

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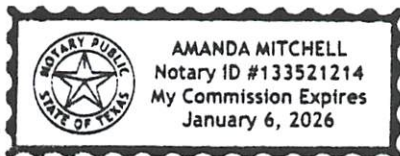
AFFIDAVIT OF MAURICE GALLARDA

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Dallas

BEFORE ME, personally appeared MAURICE GALLARDA, who is the Manager of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC who states that Pluris Wedgefield, LLC will comply with the noticing requirements of Rule 25-22.0407, Florida Administrative Code.


Maurice Gallarda

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 7th day of August, 2023, by Maurice Gallarda, Manager of Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, who is personally known to me or has produced Maurice Gallarda as identification.




NOTARY PUBLIC -
Printed Name: Amanda Mitchell
My Commission Expires: January 6, 2026