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Public Service Commission

February 7, 2024

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NINTH DATA REQUEST

Re: 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 refer to the Utility's response to OPC's first set of interrogatories, No. 1h. Provide a breakdown of each position listed, including the job title and position duties/responsibilities.
- 2) Please refer to the positions listed in Volume III of the Utility's MFRs. Joe Kuhns is listed as the Regional Manager with costs allocated 50/50 between water and wastewater. Is he managing a "region" that includes any other utilities/business beyond Pluris? If so, please detail the breakdown of his time and explain why his salary isn't allocated to multiple entities.
- 3) Pursuant to Rule 25-30.311(5), Florida Administrative Code, after a customer has established a satisfactory payment record and has had continuous service for a period of 23 months, the utility shall refund the residential customer's deposits and either refund or pay the higher rate of interest for nonresidential deposits. Audit staff determined there were a number of deposits being held after the 23 month timeframe. The account numbers in Attachment A have had their customer deposit held for a period longer than 23 months. For each account number listed in Attachment A, please provide documentation in support of the utility retaining the customer deposit in accordance with the Rule.
- 4) Please refer to Schedule E-5. For miscellaneous revenues, please provide the number of occurrences separately for the initial connection and violation reconnection.

- 5) Please refer to Schedule E-5. For miscellaneous revenues, the utility indicated \$373 for wastewater late fees. Please indicate whether the utility has wastewater only customers.

- 6) In response to Staff's Third Data request, the utility indicated it did not have an approved private fire protection rate. Therefore, Pluris elected to charge the general service rate for the private fire protection service. Since the utility did not previously have private fire protection service, it would have been considered a new class of service. Pursuant to Section 367.091, Florida Statutes, the utility may furnish the new class of service and fix and charge just, reasonable, and compensatory rates and file with the Commission within 10 days after the service is furnished. Please answer the following.
 - a. Please explain why the Utility did not seek a new rate for the private fire protection service pursuant to the statute.
 - b. Please indicate if the billing determinants for the private fire protection service customers are reflected on Schedule E-2 page 1 of 2.
 - c. Please provide the 2022 test year consumption history – detailed for the two private protection customers.
 - d. In 2019, the utility requested and was approved to establish a rate for the 8-inch meter size. The School Board of Orange County (School Board) has been a customer since 2016 and is the only 8 inch customer. The School Board is classified as private fire protection customer. Please explain why the utility did not request private fire protection service rates at that time rather than just the general service rate.

- 7) Please provide the capacity of the system in equivalent residential connections (ERCs) for both water and wastewater.

- 8) Please provide the number of ERCs remaining until build out for both water and wastewater.

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Please file all responses electronically no later than Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (850) 413-6844 or by email at JSewards@psc.state.fl.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Justin Sowards

Public Utilities Supervisor

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230083-WS)

Customer Account Numbers Over 23 Months Of Service

1006	24532	25110	25826	27773	31912	34107	35762
1017	24551	25131	25884	28855	31915	34132	35789
1099	24556	25146	25900	29006	32231	34170	35851
1126	24563	25171	25933	29013	32390	34377	35890
1137	24598	25184	25934	29019	32674	34443	36023
1191	24624	25203	25642	29201	32712	34497	36116
1251	24666	25242	26000	29327	32724	34507	36218
1289	24711	25299	26012	29340	32763	34540	36253
1354	24725	25310	26018	29847	32834	34625	36442
1373	24735	25326	26044	29874	33295	34644	36453
1379	24736	25386	26079	29928	33372	34659	36470
1518	24776	25473	26081	29986	33382	34666	36611
1519	24784	25507	26092	30028	33412	34739	36803
1538	24788	25549	26219	30126	33458	34810	36814
1637	24817	25583	26525	30304	33521	34905	36856
1695	24826	25587	26808	30380	33560	35128	36883
1783	24836	25612	26887	30671	33629	35221	36884
1802	24851	25642	26930	30756	33642	35252	
1884	24856	25649	27097	30922	33661	35258	
1953	24935	25662	27201	30996	33751	35328	
4145	25005	25679	27203	31179	33777	35413	
22838	25030	25712	27211	31199	33944	35451	
23789	25050	25729	27382	31222	34045	35520	
23959	25054	25778	28528	31236	34052	35630	
24493	25091	25787	27541	31421	34070	35720	
24517	25102	25818	27736	31455	34085	35747	