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February 12, 2024  
via efilings

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 (“Pluris” or “Utility”) this letter is the response to Staff’s Fifth Data Request dated January 22, 2024.

1. Please provide the Utility’s response to each finding from Commission staff’s January 22, 2024, audit.  
*Response: The Utility does not dispute any of the audit findings.*
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?  
*Response: Pluris Wedgefield is a disregarded entity for tax purposes.*
  - b. Does Pluris Wedgefield, LLC pay income taxes directly?  
*Response: No.*
  - c. If not, who pays the income taxes for Pluris Wedgefield, LLC?  
*Response: The Members of Pluris Capital Group, LLC pay the income taxes for Pluris Wedgefield, LLC.*
3. Please provide a description of the bid process. When does Pluris plan to finalize bid selection?

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*Response: Bid solicitation, bid submission, bid selection, contract formation, and project delivery.*

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?

*Response: Pluris has requested and received best and final bid numbers from the two responsive bidders and has requested the final numbers do not include a contingency fee.*

5. Please provide documentation supporting the project bonding cost.

*Response: Please see attached two responsive bids for the project work.*

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?

*Response: The asbestos-cement pipes were installed circa 1960. 50 years. Source - HDR Engineering Study on AC pipe in the US and Canada. (Water World Journal (<https://www.waterworld.com/drinking-water/distribution/article/16190948/the-asbestos-beneath-our-streets>)).*

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

*Response: There have been no material changes in the collection system since the last rate case. In addition, the Engineer that competed the Wastewater Treatment Facility permit renewal in August of 2019 noted that "I & I was not an issue with the Facility"*

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

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin S. Friedman

Martin Friedman

MSF:

Cc: Wesley Thurmond (via email)

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BUDGET PROPOSAL #1436-1

State Certified General Contractor #CG-C061731 (813) 677-2605 Fax

<b>PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO:</b>		PHONE: 813-526-0608	DATE: February 5, 2024
NAME: PLURIS HOLDINGS LLC	JOB NAME: Wedgfield – AC Water Main Replacement BUDGET		
STREET: 1102 S. Florida Avenue	STREET: Various Streets		
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Lakeland, FL 33803	CITY: Orlando	STATE: FL 32833	
CONTACT NAME: Garth Armstrong, Project Manager	EMAIL: garmstrong@plurisusa.com		

The budget numbers to furnish all labor, material and equipment necessary to replace existing 4", 6" and 8" AC water lines as per "Revised AC Map" provided by Pluris on 5/5/15 and additional roads and lot connections per "Empty Lot Taps" provided by Pluris on 6/24/15.

Work to Proceed as Follows:

- 1) Locate existing utilities.
- 2) Obtain Orange County Right of Way Use Permit.
- 3) Complete pre-construction video inspection of existing conditions on affected areas and provide to Pluris personnel prior to construction.
- 4) Provide all necessary dewatering. Provide stabilization rock, dewatering rock and pipe bedding materials.
- 5) Supply and install 5,960lf 4" HDPE SDR11 Blue Stripe Pipe via directional bore and connect to existing AC lines on Amberly Avenue, Ardon Avenue, Babbitt Avenue, Baker Avenue, and Majestic Street between Archer Boulevard and Albion Avenue.
- 6) Supply and install ten (10) new 4" MJ Resilient Seat Gate Valves with Boxes, ID Tags and valve pads.
- 7) Supply and install 12,660lf 6" HDPE SDR11 Blue Stripe Pipe via directional bore and connect to existing AC lines on Albion Avenue, Archer Boulevard, Bagdad Avenue, Macon Parkway, Majestic Street between Bagdad Avenue and Archer Boulevard, Mallard Parkway between Archer Boulevard and Abney Avenue, and Mansfield Street between Baker Avenue and Ascot Avenue.
- 8) Supply and install thirty (30) new 6" MJ Resilient Seat Gate Valves with Boxes, ID Tags and valve pads.
- 9) Supply and install 1,450lf 8" HDPE SDR11 Blue Stripe Pipe via directional bore and connect to existing AC lines on Mallard Parkway between Abney Avenue and Mardi Gras Street.
- 10) Supply and install three (3) new 8" MJ Resilient Seat Gate Valves with Boxes, ID Tags, and valve pads.
- 11) Supply and install fifteen (15) new Fire Hydrant Assemblies with necessary valves, valve boxes, ID tags and valve pads.
- 12) Supply and install necessary saddles, fittings, valves to connect 308 existing services to new water main lines. Any meters to be replaced to be done by Pluris Personnel.
- 13) Backfill, compact and grade disturbed areas with sod.
- 14) Plug and abandon existing AC lines in place.

NOTES:

- 1) Does not include any engineered drawings or certified as-built surveys.
- 2) Adjacent vacant lot to be used for lay down yard and dirt stockpile during construction. Lot to be restored to equal or better condition once project completed.

**BUDGET NUMBER TO COMPLETE ABOVE WORK:** Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$3,700,000.00).



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Item #	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Mobilization of equipment & personnel / General conditions	1	LS	\$631,738.00	\$631,738.00
2	Erosion control	1	LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
3	Maintenance of traffic	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
4	Preconstruction Video	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>VALVES &amp; FITTINGS</b>					
5	4" HDPE - Furnish & Install	5,960	LF	\$40.00	\$238,400.00
6	6" HDPE - Furnish & Install	12,660	LF	\$50.00	\$633,000.00
7	8" HDPE - Furnish & Install	1,450	LF	\$60.00	\$87,000.00
8	Furnish & Install 4" Gate Valves	12	EA	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00
9	Misc, 4" fittings Tee's, crosses, etc	1	Ton	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
10	Furnish & Install 6" Gate Valves	30	EA	\$2,000.00	\$60,000.00
11	Misc, 6" fittings Tee's, crosses, etc	1	Ton	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
12	Fire hydrant and connections, Tee foot valve & hydrant 6"	13	EA	\$8,500.00	\$110,500.00
13	Furnish & Install 8" Gate Valves	5	EA	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00
14	Misc, 8" fittings Tee's, crosses, etc,	1	Ton	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
15	Fire hydrant, Tee foot valve & hydrant off 8" Main	2	EA	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
16	Service connections from 4" main to house meter	93	EA	\$1,800.00	\$167,400.00
17	Service connections from 6" main to house meter	155	EA	\$1,900.00	\$294,500.00
18	Service connections from 8" main to house meter	10	EA	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>RESTORATION OF WORK AREAS</b>					
19	4" Domestic line work areas (93) areas, Approximate only	1116	SY	\$5.00	\$5,580.00
20	6" Domestic line work areas (155) areas, Approximate only	1860	SY	\$5.00	\$9,300.00
21	8" Domestic line work areas (10) areas, Approximate only	120	SY	\$5.00	\$600.00
22	Testing and engineering, Proctors and densities	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>PERFORMANCE BOND</b>					
23	Project bonding	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
24	Plug and abandon existing AC pipes in place	1	LS	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,776,518.00</b>