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DATE: March 8, 2024

TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Terence Bethea, Public Utility Analyst III, Division of Economics

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

Please file the attached document in the docket mentioned above.

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Terence Bethea

From: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Terence Bethea
Subject: responses to questions
Attachments: Meter Installation Charge.xlsx; Temp Hydrant Cost.pdf

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Mr. Bethea,

Below are the responses to a few questions that we discussed over the phone this past Friday. Please let me know if you have any further questions or need additional supporting documentation.

- 1) Fire Protection – Pluris Wedgefield does have 2 fire protection customers. One is the Villas of Wedgefield HOA (5/8" meter) and the other is the School Board of Orange County (8" meter). Both are billed at the general/commercial water rate.
- 2) Meter tampering fee – Pluris Wedgefield has requested a meter tampering fee of \$200 plus actual cost of repair. We believe this fee is appropriate as this is the same fee as charged by Sarasota County near another Pluris utility.
- 3) Meter installation charge – Pluris is proposing a charge of \$674. Please see the attached cost worksheet.
- 4) Temporary meter cost – Please see the attached cost for a temporary hydrant of \$1,496 (before tax) which substantiates the \$1,500 deposit requested.

Thanks.

Dan Winters
Chief Financial Officer



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Meter Installation Cost Worksheet

Date: _____

Project Location:

Meter Size: 5/8"

Meter Type: Sensus Iperl

Piping Type: Poly

Costs:

		Total	Pricing	Sub Total
DESCRIPTION				
Meter		1	\$ 272.00	\$ 272.00
Meter Box		0	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Piping/Poly		0	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Materials	Saddle, Corp, Curb Stop, Dual Check Valve	0	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00
Road Bore		0	\$ -	\$ -
Excavation		0	\$ -	\$ -
Permits		0	\$ -	\$ -
Labor	37.50 per person per hour	2	\$ 37.50	\$ 75.00
			Total	\$ 674.00



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INVOICE

1830 Craig Park Court
St. Louis, MO 63146

Invoice # N314965
Invoice Date 11/11/20
Account # 225342
Sales Rep PAUL THOMAS
Phone # 407-291-1545
Branch #051 Orlando, FL
Total Amount Due \$1,593.24

Remit To:
CORE & MAIN LP
PO BOX 28330
ST. LOUIS, MO 63146

PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.
1102 S FLORIDA AVE
LAKELAND FL 33803 1308

Shipped To:
CUSTOMER PICK-UP

CUSTOMER JOB- METERS METERS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you! We appreciate your prompt payment.

Date Ordered 11/06/20 Date Shipped 11/10/20 Customer PO # BILL Job Name METERS Job # METERS Bill of Lading WILL CALL Shipped Via WILL CALL Invoice# N314965

Product Code	Description	Quantity		B/O	Price	UM	Extended Price
		Ordered	Shipped				
612520FNSTMIPTS	2-1/2FNST X 2MIPT SWIVEL ADPT	1	1		28.75000	EA	28.75
4420AC2001SET	2 BRONZE METER FLANGE SET AC2001SET	2	2		34.46000	EA	68.92
4320GPT22G1AT	OMNI T22G1AT 2" T2 TURBO METER GALLONS	1	1		882.33000	EA	882.33
3020N040I	2X4 BRASS NIPPLE NO LEAD (I)	1	1		12.39000	EA	12.39
90020975XL2	2 WILKINS 975XL2 REDUCED NL PRESSURE BACKFLOW-NO LEAD W/BALL VALVES 2-975XL2	1	1		430.00000	EA	430.00
9604PSAS	4" BLK ADJ SADDLE PIPE SUPPORT	1	1		73.61000	EA	73.61

Freight Delivery Handling Restock Misc

Subtotal: 1,496.00
Other: .00
Tax: 97.24

Terms: NET 30
Ordered By: BILL

Invoice Total: \$1,593.24

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Terence Bethea

From: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Terence Bethea
Subject: Misc Service Charge Revenues

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Terence,

Here is some additional information surrounding the miscellaneous charges that you called about this morning.

- 1) Credit of \$214 to Misc Fees – this was a courtesy adjustment for a customer for a reconnect fee
- 2) Charge of \$622 to Replace Missing/Damaged Equipment – this was invoice cost for damage caused by a contractor driving over a meter, resulting in the replacement of a meter and repair to a water line

Thanks.

Dan Winters
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From: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:05 AM
To: Terence Bethea
Subject: Pluris Wedgefield - misc items

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Hi Terence,

I received your voicemail. Here is the information you requested.

- 1) Occurrences of the following charges:
 - a. Initial Connection – 183 (2022); 270 (2021)
 - b. Violation Reconnect – 173 (2022); 115 (2021)
- 2) Meter tampering charge – The reason we are requesting this charge be added to our tariffs is due to many incidents of residents cutting the lock on the meter box in order to access the meter. We then have to send a field tech out to put a new lock on the meter. Adding a tariff for meter tampering will serve a dual purpose – it will help to cover our costs for these trips and also (we hope) will dissuade customers from attempting to tamper with the meter.
- 3) Temp hydrant meter – Most often these are temporary meters used for construction projects. A temporary meter is a portable meter hooked to fire hydrants so the 2" size is standard. They are generally used by contractors that need temporary water in an area they are doing work. When they apply for a temporary meter, we may not always know the type of work being done. Sometimes it is for road work, sometimes it is for relining storm drains, but it can be for various reasons.

Thanks.

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From: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:52 PM
To: Terence Bethea
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous Service Charges Labor Justification

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Terence,

Below is an estimated calculation of a total trip cost as it relates to the miscellaneous service charges.

Item	Description
Mileage	Round trip mileage from plant to customer location using 2024 IRS mileage rate
Labor - Tech	Round trip drive time from plant to customer location (hourly)
Fuel	Fuel and other vehicle costs (hourly)
Labor - Tech	Labor time at location (hourly)
Labor - Tech	Processing of workorder with CCR (initial receipt/log details/closeout, hourly)
Insurance	Workers comp insurance (hourly)
Labor - CCR	Customer care representative calls/emails with customer for documentation and billing (hourly)

Thanks.

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From: Terence Bethea <tbethea@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous Service Charges Labor Justification

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Hey Dan,

2024 2/28 10:02 AM
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From: Terence Bethea <tbethea@psc.state.fl.us>
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To: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Subject: Miscellaneous Service Charges Labor Justification

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Hey Dan,

I do have a data request response from Pluris Wedgefield regarding cost justification for the \$37.50 increase to miscellaneous service charges. The response that we received explains where the labor cost derived from but no cost justification. Attached is a form that explains the cost of performing each task involved in the utility's miscellaneous service charges based on the distance of the service area. Please provide a similar cost justification that can justify the cost of the new proposed charges.

Thanks,
Terence Bethea
Public Utility Analyst III
Division of Economics
Florida Public Service Commission



Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Cost
Mileage	Round trip mileage from plant to customer location using 2024 IRS mileage rate	3.00	0.67	2.01
Labor - Tech	Round trip drive time from plant to customer location (hourly)	0.10	39.43	3.94
Fuel	Fuel and other vehicle costs (hourly)	0.10	3.00	0.30
Labor - Tech	Labor time at location (hourly)	0.50	39.43	19.72
Labor - Tech	Processing of workorder with CCR (initial receipt/log details/closeout, hourly)	0.15	39.43	5.92
Insurance	Workers comp insurance (hourly)	0.75	0.70	0.53
Labor - CCR	Customer care representative calls/emails with customer for documentation and billing (hourly)	0.50	13.14	6.57
			TOTAL	38.98

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From: Dan Winters <dwinters@plurisusa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Terence Bethea
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous Service Charges Labor Justification

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Terence,

Here is the count by year.

	2023	2022	2021
Late Fees	3,456	3,742	3,066
Misc Fees	25	13	15
After Hours Connection Charge	-	1	-
Returned Payment Fee	64	42	28
Replace Missing/Damaged Equipment	1	1	2
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	28	12	8
Initial Connection	174	183	270
Violation Reconnect	241	173	115
PVCR	-	-	6
Tampering	2	-	-
	3,991	4,167	3,510

Thanks.

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Consumption History - Detailed

Sort Order: Customer No.
 From 1/1/2022 Through 3/6/2024

Limited to : Account No 24560 Location No 108077

Location No.	Customer No.	Customer Name	Location Address				Revenue Class		Route					
Service	Bill Date	Rate Code	Units	SerialNo	Meter Size	Prior Read	Prior Read Date	Current Read	Current Read Date	Actual	Adjusted	Billed	Charges	
00108077	00024560	VILLAS OF WEDGEFIELD HOA INC	20618 MAXIM PKWY FIRELINE				Commercial		WF1					
Water	1/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	11,544.00	12/1/2021	11,544.00	1/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.16	
Water	2/8/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	11,544.00	1/1/2022	12,269.00	2/1/2022	725.00	0.00	725.00	35.42	
Water	3/8/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	12,269.00	2/1/2022	12,270.00	3/1/2022	1.00	0.00	1.00	28.17	
Water	4/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	12,270.00	3/1/2022	13,541.00	4/1/2022	1,271.00	0.00	1,271.00	40.90	
Water	5/9/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,541.00	4/1/2022	13,949.00	5/1/2022	408.00	0.00	408.00	32.25	
Water	6/8/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	5/1/2022	13,949.00	6/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.16	
Water	7/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	6/1/2022	13,949.00	7/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.16	
Water	8/8/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	7/1/2022	13,949.00	8/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.13	
Water	9/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	8/1/2022	13,949.00	9/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	10/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	9/1/2022	13,949.00	10/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	11/8/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,949.00	10/1/2022	13,950.00	11/1/2022	1.00	0.00	1.00	28.11	
Water	12/7/2022	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,950.00	11/1/2022	13,950.00	12/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	1/9/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,950.00	12/1/2022	13,955.00	1/1/2023	5.00	0.00	5.00	28.15	
Water	2/8/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	13,955.00	1/1/2023	15,561.00	2/1/2023	1,606.00	0.00	1,606.00	44.16	
Water	3/8/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,561.00	2/1/2023	15,834.00	3/1/2023	273.00	0.00	273.00	30.83	
Water	4/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,834.00	3/1/2023	15,834.00	4/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	5/8/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,834.00	4/1/2023	15,846.00	5/1/2023	12.00	0.00	12.00	28.22	
Water	6/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,846.00	5/1/2023	15,846.00	6/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	7/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,846.00	6/1/2023	15,849.00	7/1/2023	3.00	0.00	3.00	28.13	
Water	8/8/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,849.00	7/1/2023	15,849.00	8/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	9/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,849.00	8/1/2023	15,849.00	9/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.10	
Water	10/9/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,849.00	9/1/2023	15,850.00	10/1/2023	1.00	0.00	1.00	28.11	
Water	11/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	15,850.00	10/1/2023	16,910.00	11/1/2023	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00	58.70	
Water	12/7/2023	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	16,910.00	11/1/2023	20,613.00	12/1/2023	1,703.00	0.00	1,703.00	45.13	
Water	1/8/2024	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	20,613.00	12/1/2023	22,048.00	1/1/2024	1,435.00	0.00	1,435.00	44.91	
Water	2/7/2024	WFCW	gal	80119022	5/8"	22,048.00	1/1/2024	23,958.00	2/1/2024	1,910.00	0.00	1,910.00	59.28	

Service	Units	Rate Code	Actual	Adjusted	Billed	Charges
Water	gal	WFCW	12,414.00	0.00	12,414.00	869.79
Total Water - gal			12,414.00	0.00	12,414.00	869.79

Pluris Management Group, LLC

Consumption History - Detailed

Sort Order: Customer No.
From 1/1/2022 Through 3/6/2024

Limited to : Account No 27487 Location No 115207

Location No.	Customer No.	Customer Name	Location Address				Revenue Class		Route					
Service	Bill Date	Rate Code	Units	Serial No	Meter Size	Prior Read	Prior Read Date	Current Read	Current Read Date	Actual	Adjusted	Billed	Charges	
00115207	00027487	SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY	3835 BANCROFT BLVD FIRE LINE				Commercial		WF2					
Water	1/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	190,606.00	12/1/2021	190,606.00	1/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	2/8/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	190,606.00	1/1/2022	195,134.00	2/1/2022	45,280.00	0.00	45,280.00	2,988.11	
Water	3/8/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	2/1/2022	195,134.00	3/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	4/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	3/1/2022	195,134.00	4/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	5/9/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	4/1/2022	195,134.00	5/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	6/8/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	5/1/2022	195,134.00	6/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	7/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	6/1/2022	195,134.00	7/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,534.40	
Water	8/8/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,134.00	7/1/2022	195,135.00	8/1/2022	10.00	0.00	10.00	2,532.01	
Water	9/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,135.00	8/1/2022	195,135.00	9/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	10/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,135.00	9/31/2022	195,135.00	10/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	11/8/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,135.00	10/1/2022	195,135.00	11/1/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	12/7/2022	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	195,135.00	11/1/2022	219,787.00	12/1/2022	246,520.00	0.00	246,520.00	4,994.08	
Water	1/8/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	12/1/2022	219,787.00	1/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	2/8/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	1/1/2023	219,787.00	2/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	3/8/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	2/1/2023	219,787.00	3/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	4/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	3/1/2023	219,787.00	4/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	5/8/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	4/1/2023	219,787.00	5/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	6/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	5/1/2023	219,787.00	6/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	7/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	6/1/2023	219,787.00	7/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	8/8/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	7/1/2023	219,787.00	8/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	9/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	8/1/2023	219,787.00	9/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	10/9/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	9/1/2023	219,787.00	10/1/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,528.88	
Water	11/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	219,787.00	10/1/2023	225,032.00	11/1/2023	52,450.00	0.00	52,450.00	3,053.38	
Water	12/7/2023	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	225,032.00	11/1/2023	228,043.00	12/1/2023	40,110.00	0.00	40,110.00	2,929.98	
Water	1/8/2024	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	229,043.00	12/1/2023	234,040.00	1/1/2024	49,970.00	0.00	49,970.00	3,203.62	
Water	2/7/2024	WFCW	gal	81664834	8"	234,040.00	1/1/2024	234,040.00	2/1/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,177.00	

Service	Units	Rate Code	Actual	Adjusted	Billed	Charges
Water	gal	WFCW	434,340.00	0.00	434,340.00	70,960.22
Total Water - gal			434,340.00	0.00	434,340.00	70,960.22