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Sent:

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 4:17 PM

To:

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Martin Friedman

Subject:

Docket No. 120152-WS; Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. 2012 General Rate Increase Application

Attachments: NOF (AOM Combined Notice).pdf

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- b) Docket No. 120152-WS
  Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. 2012 General Rate Increase Application
- c) Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.
- d) 9 pages
- e) Notice of Filing the Affidavit of Mailing of the Combined Notice.

#### 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** 

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing in the above-referenced docket PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.'s Affidavit of Mailing evidencing the Combined Notice was mailed to the customers of the Utility on November 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted this 2012 day of November, 2012, by:

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ONSLOW

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Beverly Yopp, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is the Billing Manager of Pluris Holdings, LLC, the sole shareholder of Pluris Wedgefield, Inc., and that on November 19 2012, she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of the Initial Customer Notice and Notice of Customer Meeting, attached hereto, to all customers of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Print Name: Bevery Yopp

Print Title: Billing Manager

	Swor	n t	o and subsc	ribed be	fore	e me	thi	s 20	day	of No	vember,	2012,	by	Beverly
Yopp,	who	is	personally	known	to	me	or	has	prod	luced	***************************************		·····	as
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Print Name: Erica D Gard

My Commission Expires: Scotern ber 1, 2015

November 19th, 2012

Ms. Beverly Yopp Billing & Customer Care Director 1095 Hwy 210 PO Box 856 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

Pluris Holdings, LLC.

Re: Pluris Wedgefield Nov. 19th Special mailing

Ms. Yopp,

California Marketing mailed out 1,566 pieces of the 6 page letter- Combine Initial Customer and Customer Meeting Notice on Monday, November 19th, 2012. The mail pieces were dropped off directly to the Los Angeles Mail Facility (LAGMF) as First class presorted mail.

Sincerely,

Laura Estrella

Account Manager Rep.

134 Waverly Drive

Pasadena CA, 91105

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

**RE: DOCKET NO. 120152-WS** 

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.

November 19, 2012

#### **CUSTOMER MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a customer meeting to discuss Pluris Wedgefield Inc.'s application for a rate increase. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Wedgefield Country Club
20550 Maxim Parkway
Orlando FL 32833

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, because the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

The purpose of this meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to Commission staff regarding the quality of service the Utility provides, the proposed increase, and to ask questions, and comment on the rates included in this Notice as well as other issues. Commission staff will be available to address and coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. A representative from the Utility may also be in attendance. At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. Commission staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called in the order that they sign up to speak.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public

Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

## **Emergency Cancellation of Customer Meeting**

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the meeting will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found at the bottom of the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. (the "Utility") is a water and wastewater utility whose corporate offices are located at 2100 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1550, Dallas, Texas 75201. The Utility's water and wastewater facilities are located in Orange County, Florida.

On July 19, 2012, the Utility filed an application with the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for an increase in its water and wastewater rates to its customers in Orange County based on an historical test year ending December 31, 2011. The application is assigned Docket No. 120152-WS, and October 2, 2012, was established as the official date of filing.

The Utility requested interim rates designed to generate annual revenues of \$1,358,772 for water and \$907,479 for wastewater. This represents an annual revenue increase of \$373,326 for water and \$175,920 for wastewater. Pluris requested final rates designed to generate annual revenues of \$1,379,982 for water and \$913,888 for wastewater. This represents a revenue increase of \$394,536 for water and \$182,329 for wastewater. On September 18, 2012, the Commission voted to grant an interim wastewater revenue increase of \$175,476 (23.97%), and an interim water revenue increase of \$362,443 (36.69%).

The interim water and wastewater revenues being held subject to refund are subject to being refunded with interest, should the Commission find that the Utility was not entitled to collect such revenues pending the final Commission decision. A schedule of the Utility's rates prior to filing, the Utility requested interim rates, the Utility's proposed final rates, and the currently approved rates follow.

The reason for this rate increase request is because the Utility has incurred additional operating costs and capital investment. Copies of the MFRs, the Rate Case Synopsis, and the Utility's application will be available for inspection at the following location:

Orange County Public Library	Hours:
12000 East Colonial Drive	Mon - Thurs: 10:00 a.m 9:00 p.m.
Orlando, FL 32826	Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The test period for setting rates is the historical average thirteen-month period ended December 31, 2011.

The following tentative schedule was established by the Commission for the remaining major events in the Utility's rate case:

Schedule Item	Due Date
Staff Audit Report	October 19, 2012
<b>Customer Meeting</b>	December 5, 2012
Staff's Proposed Agency Action ("PAA")	February 7, 2013
Recommendation	
Agenda Conference on PAA Rates	February 19, 2013
PAA Order	March 11, 2013
Protest Period Expires	April 1, 2013

# **NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES, AND CURRENT AND PROPOSED CHARGES**

The current and proposed rates and charges follow. These rates are subject to change based on information gathered at the customer meeting, further staff review, and the final decision by the Commissioners.

# **WATER SERVICE**

Residential, Irrigation, and General Service, Monthly	Rates Prior to Filing	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Final Rates</u>	Commission Approved Interim Rates
Base Facility Charge				
By Meter Size:				
5/8" x 3/4"	\$23.39	\$32.51	\$42.89	\$32.34
3/4"	\$35.09	\$48.78	\$64.34	\$48.51
1"	\$58.49	\$81.30	\$107.23	\$80.86
1 1/2"	\$116.97	\$162.59	\$214.45	\$161.70
2"	\$187.14	\$260.12	\$343.12	\$258.71
3"	\$374.29	\$520.26	\$686.24	\$517.43
4"	\$584.83	\$812.91	\$1,072.25	\$808.49
6"	\$1,169.65	\$1,625.81	\$2,144.50	\$1,616.97
Consumption Charges - (per 1,000 gallons):		·		
Residential	\$4.04	\$5.62	\$3.53	\$5.59
0 - 5,000 gallons				
5,001 - 10,000 gallons	<b>\$5.0</b> 5	\$7.02	\$7.06	\$6.98
over 10,000 gallons	\$8.09	\$11.25	\$10.59	\$11.18
General Service, and Irrigation	\$5.02	\$6.98	\$5.10	\$6.94

# **WASTEWATER SERVICE**

Residential Service Monthly	Rates Prior to Filing	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> <u>Interim Rates</u>	<u>Utility's</u> Requested Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates	
Base-Facility Charge –					
By Meter Size:		Market State of the State of th			
5/8" x 3/4"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$30.36	\$26.12	
3/4"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$45.54	\$26.12	
1"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$75.90	\$26.12	
1 1/2"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$151.80	\$26.12	
2"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$242.88	\$26.12	
Gallonage Charge- Per 1,000 gallons (10,000 gallon cap)	\$3.82	\$4.85	\$4.17	\$4.74	
General Service	Rates Prior to Filing	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Interim Rates	<u>Utility's</u> <u>Requested</u> Final Rates	Commission Approved Interim Rates	
Base Facility Charge-					
By Meter Size:				i,	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$21.07	\$26.76	\$30.36	\$26.12	
3/4"	\$31.64	\$40.18	\$45.54	\$39.22	
1"	\$52.74	\$66.98	\$75.90	\$65.38	
1 1/2"	\$105.44	\$133.91	\$151.80	\$130.72	
2"	\$168.73	\$214.29	\$242.88	\$209.18	
3"	\$337.44	\$428.55	\$455.40	\$418.33	
4"	\$528.09	\$670.67	\$759.00	\$654.68	
6"	\$843.60	\$1,071.37	\$1,518.00	\$1,045.83	
Gallonage Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$4.56	\$5.79	\$4.90	\$5.65	

#### SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

The Utility is not requesting any changes to its service availability charges. Even though not requested to do so, the Commission may review and adjust service availability charges.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION**

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Commission staff may do so at the customer meeting, either orally or in writing. Written comments regarding the Utility's service or the requested final rate increases may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

All comments should refer to Docket No. 120152-WS, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this case. Complaints regarding service may be made to the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility's office at (888)758-7471, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pluris Wedgefield Inc.