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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Pluris Wedgefiled Inc.  
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Good Morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 20170166-WS. Thank you.

**From:** Floyd Craig [<mailto:fcraig71@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Subject:** Pluris Wedgefiled Inc.

Commissioner Brown,

I live in the Wedgefield area and is where you and I first met. The community is in dire straits with the quality of water that is being provided Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.. People have gotten sick, clothes have been bleached from the water when washing, and attached is a picture of a water filter from a home water filtration system. This filter was only 3 months old.

Pluris Wedgefield Inc. has requested a rate increase for our community. The Public Service Commission has come to Wedgefield in the past, listened to over 300 citizens voice their concerns about Pluris Wedgefield Inc., and granted the increase anyway. The PSC representatives even went as far as saying they will always grant increases. Pluris has also sent out a letter trying to divert our attention to a 10% tax that Orange County will be charging for our water. We have not been notified of such an increase in tax. A copy of this letter is also attached.

Pluris Wedgefield Inc. was fined not too long ago, which was minimal, for being outside the Federal Mandated Levels for TTHM's, which is a cancer causing by-product of disinfection. There is speculation Pluris Wedgefield Inc. has in the past, forged or turned in doctored results to FDEP. Please have in mind the ramifications of a rate increase with substandard quality of drinking water. We have contacted FDEP, and the EPA in the past with no results. The citizens of Wedgefield do not want to be the next water crisis like Flint MI. Please let me know if there is anything I need to do on my end.

Best regards,

Floyd Craig

bcc:  
Congressman Bill Posey  
8th Congressional District of Florida



Dear Wedgefield Customers,

"In August of 1991, the Orange County Board of Commissioners adopted the "Orange County Public Tax Ordinance. This ordinance, No. 91-17, pertains to the taxation of purchases of electricity, metered or bottled gas, water and fuel purchased within unincorporated Orange County." This statement can be found by visiting the Orange County Comptroller webpage at <http://www.occompt.com/services/public-service-tax/>.

Some Wedgefield customers may not be aware that 10% of the monthly water bill is a tax imposed by Orange County. Pluris collects this tax and remits the amounts to Orange County monthly.

The average monthly residential water use is 4,981 gallons in Wedgefield. Presented in the following is a summary of the average monthly bill (using the 4,981 gallons) and the related Orange County imposed tax.

Water - Base Rate	\$	24.71
Usage Charge at 4,981 gallons	\$	38.80
Subtotal	\$	63.51
10% Orange County Tax	\$	6.35
Total Water Bill	\$	69.86

The average total tax amount collected monthly for Orange County in the past 12 months is \$10,899 and an annual basis that is over \$130,788.

Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. ("Pluris") is a regulated utility under the sole jurisdiction of the State of Florida Public Utilities Commission ("PSC") in establishing rates for water service. Pluris is also subject to the environmental jurisdiction of the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") insuring safe drink water is delivered to customers.

Pluris is not under the jurisdiction of Orange County for either rate related or environmental matters. We suggest customers reach out to the County and question the need by the County to assess the 10% tax relating to water provided by Pluris in Wedgefield. Eliminating the Orange County tax would result in an immediate monthly reduction of 10% on customer water bills.

Your elected District Commissioner is Emily Bonilla. If you would like to contact Commissioner Bonilla to voice a concern regarding the tax, her contact information is provided here.

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