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# Public Service Commission

October 30, 2017

The Honorable Emily Bonilla  
Commissioner  
Orange County Board of County Commissioners  
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**Re: Docket No. 20170166-WS, Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.**

Dear Commissioner Bonilla:

Thank you for your letter dated October 13, 2017, regarding Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. (Utility) in Orange County. The Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) is responsible for the economic regulation of privately-owned water and wastewater utilities in jurisdictional counties, such as Orange County. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the county health departments are responsible for overseeing issues related to water quality and the condition of the treatment facilities.

A utility's compliance with DEP and county health department standards as well as overall customer satisfaction are taken into account when the Commission establishes the rates to be charged by a utility. The Utility has filed an application for a limited proceeding rate increase, a process whereby a utility may apply for an increase for specifically identified costs. The Commission has scheduled a customer meeting to be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at Wedgefield Golf Club. The purpose of this meeting is to allow customers an opportunity to provide comments on Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. for the Commission's consideration.

Utilities are required to make ongoing capital improvements as necessary from the rates that they charge in order to maintain compliance with the DEP and health department standards. Based on its application for a limited proceeding, it appears that Pluris Wedgefield, Inc. is making investments in its infrastructure. Its application for this limited proceeding indicates \$364,129 investment in water softening equipment to address customer complaints, as well as \$699,736 in other improvements and maintenance to its system. All investments are evaluated by the Commission and only costs which are prudent to serve utility customers are included in rates.

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Thank you again for contacting the Commission. I have forwarded this information to our Division of Engineering for further inquiry with the utility and coordination with the DEP. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julie I. Brown  
Chairman

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Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé  
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Mr. Tom Ballinger, Director, Division of Engineering  
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