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DATE: December 8, 2023

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

FROM: Justin Swards, Public Utilities Supervisor, Division of Accounting & Finance

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

Please file the attached document in the docket mentioned above.

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

Dear Mr. Friedman:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Pluris Wedgefield, LLC. (Pluris or Utility) provide responses to the following data requests.

1. According to MFR Schedule B-3, the Utility has proposed to increase O&M expenses for both the water and wastewater systems by \$237,010 annually. The following questions pertain to the justification for this increase in expense.
 - a. Please explain the justification for the \$237,010 increase in O&M expense for both the water and wastewater systems. For purposes of this response, discuss the reasons for the corporate restructuring and specifically identify what quantifiable benefits, if any, accrued to Pluris customers as a direct result of the restructuring.
 - b. In the Utility's response to staff's First Data Request, Question 1, it is stated that cost savings of approximately \$150,000 are expected and "these savings have been factored into the calculations." Please specify which accounts these cost savings are recorded in and specifically identify what the costs were in the year prior to the corporate restructuring.
 - c. In the Utility's response to staff's First Data Request, Question 1, it is stated that "two utilities will be sold effective November 9, 2023, so the continuing costs will increase to the remaining utilities." What impact, if any, will the sale of the two utilities have on the corporate costs allocated to Pluris for purposes of this rate case?

Please provide responses to the above requests for data no later than January 8, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sowards', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Justin Sowards
Public Utilities Supervisor

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cc: Division of Accounting & Finance (Sowards, Thurmond)
Division of Engineering (King, Ellis)
Division of Economics (Draper)
Office of General Counsel (Crawford, Watrous)
Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230083-WS)