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STATE OF FLORIDA

Division of Economics Elisabeth J. Draper Director (850) 413-6410



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

Dear Mr. Friedman:

mfriedman@deanmead.com

- 1. Pluris indicated that private fire protection service is being provided to the Villas of Wedgefield HOA and the Orange County School Board Office. The utility also indicated that the rate charged to the private fire protection is the same rate that is charged for the general service class. Rule 25-30.465, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) indicates that the private fire protection rate shall be one-twelfth the current base facility charge of the utility's meter sizes. Based on staff's research, the utility does not have an approved tariff for private fire protection. Please respond to the following questions related to private fire protection:
 - a) Please indicate when the two customers began receiving service.
 - b) Please indicate whether the utility collected revenues for private fire protection during the test year. If the utility collected revenues for private fire protection, please indicate the total amount of revenues collected for the test year.
 - c) If the utility has collected revenues for private fire protection customers for years preceding the test year, please provide for each year the private fire protection revenues that were collected.
- 2. The utility indicated that the field labor per hour performed by a utility representative is \$37.50. Please provide cost justification for this task.

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3. Pluris is requesting a meter tampering charge of \$200 as well as actual cost for repairs. The utility recently provided staff with a statement indicating Sarasota County's charge for meter tampering is the same amount requested by the utility. It has been Commission practice to establish a charge for the investigation of meter tampering and to allow actual cost for repairs consistent with Rule 25-30.460(d), F.A.C.. Pursuant to Section 367.091(6), Florida Statutes, the utility must provide cost justification for requested charges. Please provide cost justification for the utility's request mentioned above.

Please file all responses electronically no later than January 15, 2024, to the Commission's website at <u>www.floridapsc.com</u>, by selecting the Clerk's Office and Electronic Web Form. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 413-6435 or email me at <u>tbethea@psc.state.fl.us</u>.

Sincerely.

Terence Bethea Public Utility Analyst III

cc:

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