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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for increase in water and wastewater rates in Orange County by Pluris Wedgefield, LLC

Docket No. 20230083-WS

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Pluris Wedgefield, LLC ("*Applicant*"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code ("*FAC*") and Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, hereby requests confidential classification of certain financial information provided by the Applicant to the auditors in response to Audit Request No. 47, and in support shows as follows:

1. Audit Request No. 47 requests "the Parent Company's Tax Returns for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022" (*"Tax Returns"*). Applicant is providing the requested Tax Returns ("*Confidential information"*) of its parent, Pluris Holdings, LLC in response to this audit request, although Applicant is unaware of the purpose for which they were requested.

2. The Applicant seeks to have the Confidential Information classified as confidential pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3), FAC. The Confidential Information should not be made available for inspection and examination by the public under Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, for the following reasons:

A. The ownership interests in Pluris Holdings are closely held and not publicly traded and the Confidential Information is not available to the public.

B. It is not necessary to make the Confidential Information available to the public, and the public will not be harmed in any way by withholding the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

C. The Confidential Information includes financial and other information regarding other affiliates of Pluris Holdings which is irrelevant to the determinations to be made by the Commission Staff in connection with the Application and which the Commission does not require in order to discharge its duties and responsibilities.

D. The Confidential Information is not intended to be, nor is it, treated by Pluris

Holdings as anything but private and confidential information, and has not been disclosed except pursuant to statutory provision, order of a court or administrative body or private agreement that provides that it will not be released to the public.

E. Disclosure of the Confidential Information would cause harm to the owners of Pluris Holdings and business operations of Pluris Holdings.

F. Disclosure of the Confidential Information would negatively affect the way Pluris Holdings' business plans and strategies are carried out.

4. Exhibit "A" to this Request is a "Justification Table" which specifies what information in the Confidential Information the Applicant asks the Commission to classify as confidential and the statutory justification for the request in compliance with Rule 25-22.006(4)(a), (b) and (c), FAC; one highlighted copy and one redacted copy of the Confidential Information.

WHEREFORE, Pluris Wedgefield, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission determine that the Confidential Information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 367.156, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, FAC, and exempt the Confidential Information from public inspection and examination.

Respectfully submitted on this 18th day of December, 2023, by:

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<u>/s/Martin S. Friedman</u> MARTIN S. FRIEDMAN

Exhibit "A" JUSTIFICATION MATRIX

Location	Justification
(Document name and location of information)	
All Tax Returns	§367.156(3)(a),(b),(d) & (e): As set forth in the
	Request and the disclosure of the Tax Returns of
Location:	Pluris Holdings, LLC, which is not a public
All information other than the filing party	company and is not subject to public disclosure of
information at the top of the first page	its financial statements would impair its
	competitive interests, could be used to discern trade
	secrets, or harm its ability to contract for goods and
	services on a favorable basis. Pluris Holdings LLC,
	keeps this information strictly confidential also to
	prevent competitors and prospective counterparties
	from information which could be used in future
	negotiations to the disadvantage of Pluris Holdings,
	LLC, and its affiliates.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by

E-mail to the following parties this 18th day of December, 2023:

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> <u>/s/ Martin S. Friedman</u> Martin S. Friedman

Form 1065	5 EXTENSION GRANTED TO 09/15/20 U.S. Return of Partnership Income			
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	For calendar	year 2019, or tax year beginning, ending, ending	est information.	2019
A Principal business activity		Name of partnership		D Employer identification number
WATER UTILITY B Principal product or service Type or service		PLURIS HOLDINGS, LLC	27-1580979	
		Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.		E Date business started
	Print	5950 BERKSHIRE LANE, SUITE 800		08/26/2009
WATER UTILITY City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code				F Total assets
C Business code number				
221300		DALLAS	ТХ 75225	

0	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than partner or limited liability company member) is based on all information of								
Sign Here	which preparer has any knowledge.			May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instr. X Yes No					
	Signature of partner or limited liability company member								
	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	1	Date	Check	if	PTIN		
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Preparer	MOSS ADAMS LLP						Firm's EIN 🕨 91-0189318		
Use Only	Firm's address 14555 DALLAS	PARKWAY STE	300						
	DALLAS, TX 75254				Phone no.	972	-458-2296		
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Form 1065	EXTENSION GRANTED TO 09/15/21 U.S. Return of Partnership Income			OMB No. 1545-0123
	For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning, ending, ending, ending, ► Go to www.irs.gov/Form1065 for instructions and the latest information.			2020
A Principal business activity		Name of partnership		D Employer identification number
WATER UTILITY	. Туре	PLURIS HOLDINGS, LLC		27-1580979
B Principal product or service		Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.		E Date business started
	Print	5950 BERKSHIRE LANE, SUITE	800	08/26/2009
WATER UTILITY		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		F Total assets
C Business code number				
221300		DALLAS	TX 75225	

Form 1065 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	U.S. Return of Partnership Income For calendar year 2021, or tax year beginning, 2021, ending, 20 Go to www.irs.gov/Form1065 for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No. 1545-0123
A Principal business activity		Name of partnership	D Employer identification number
WATER UTILITY B Principal product or service	Туре	PLURIS HOLDINGS, LLC Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	27-1580979 E Date business started
WATER UTILITY C Business code number	or Print	5950 BERKSHIRE LANE, SUITE 800 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	08/26/2009 F Total assets (see instructions)
221300		DALLAS, TX 75225	\$

FINAL RETURN			
Form 1065	U.S. Return of Partnership Income		OMB No. 1545-0123
Form IUUUU Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	For calendar year 2022, or tax year beginning, 2022, ending, 20 Go to www.irs.gov/Form1065 for instructions and the latest information.		2022
A Principal business activity		Name of partnership	D Employer identification number
WATER UTILITY B Principal product or service	Туре	PLURIS HOLDINGS, LLC Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	27-1580979 E Date business started
WATER UTILITY C Business code number	or Print	5950 BERKSHIRE LANE, SUITE 800 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	08/26/2009 F Total assets (see instructions)
221300		DALLAS, TX 75225	\$