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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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Re: Docket No. 20170166-WS- Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Orange County
by Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.
Our File No. 43085.20

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

The following is Pluris Wedgefield, Inc.'s ("Utility") supplemental response to Staff's Third Data Request No. 5 dated February 12, 2018:

Meter Retirements

- 5) Please refer to Schedule No. 7, document no. 06333-2017, and Staff's Second Data Request question number 7, document no. 00907-2018. Schedule No. 7 shows a reduction to Account 334.4 Meters/Meter Installations and Account 108.334 A/D – Meters/Meter Installations of \$224,489. Given the fact that most of the meters that were retired were not fully depreciated, how is the Company treating the difference between the \$224,489 reduction to Accumulated Depreciation and the actual amount of Accumulated Depreciation related to the retired meters?

Response: *Pluris' fixed asset depreciation schedule had a 2016 beginning balance for meters in account 334.4 of \$224,489. The associated accumulated depreciation account in 108.334 had a 2016 beginning balance of \$217,093, leaving a net asset balance of \$7,396 which was set to fully depreciate in 2016. Since that amount was expensed as depreciation in 2016, then there was no additional difference to be dealt with. Pluris utilizes the pooling method when depreciating fixed assets and does not have the capability to track or depreciate each individual asset.*

The AMI contract price provided a discounted price for removal of old meters and replacement with new AMI meters. The discount was offered in exchange for the contractor retaining the old meters and receiving a scrap value at disposal. Had the discount not been provided the cost to rate payers would have increased accordingly. Attached is the price sheet showing the discount per meter.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin S. Friedman

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Pricing Schedule

Core Services

Description	Quantity	Unit Price
<u>5/8" x 3/4" METER EXCHANGE</u> – Exchange 5/8"x 3/4" AMI/AMR equipped Sensus water meter	1,628	\$28.00 <i>(\$33.00 - \$5.00 credit for scrap)</i>
<u>1" METER EXCHANGE</u> - Install 1" AMI/AMR equipped commercial water meter	4	\$32.00 <i>(\$37.00 - \$5.00 credit for scrap)</i>
<u>2" METER EXCHANGE</u> - Install 2" AMI/AMR equipped commercial water meter	3	\$125.00 <i>(\$150.00 - \$25.00 credit for scrap)</i>
<u>3" METER EXCHANGE</u> - Install 3" AMI/AMR equipped commercial water meter	2	\$225.00 <i>(\$275.00 - \$50.00 credit for scrap)</i>
<u>CAPTURE PICTURES</u>	EA	\$2.00
<u>REPLACE 5/8" BY 3/4" CURB STOP</u>	EA	\$45.00
<u>REPLACE 5/8" BY 3/4" DUAL CHECK</u>	EA	\$45.00
<u>DRILL OUT METER LID</u> – Drill hole in existing plastic meter lid to accommodate antenna	EA	\$3.00
<u>DRILL OUT METER LID</u> – Drill hole in existing cast iron meter lid to accommodate antenna	EA	\$7.00