STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. W-1305, SUB 12

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Pluris Hampstead, LLC,   )
5950 Berkshire Lane, Suite 800, Dallas,   ) ORDER ESTABLISHING
Texas, 75225, for Authority to Adjust and) GENERAL RATE CASE AND
Increase Rates for Sewer Utility Service   ) SUSPENDING RATES
in All Service Areas in Pender County,   )
North Carolina   )

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 23, 2020, Pluris Hampstead, LLC (Pluris) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing sewer utility service in all of its service areas in Pender County, North Carolina. Pluris serves approximately 524 residential flat-rate sewer customers and 58 metered commercial sewer customers in Pender County, North Carolina.

Pluris is proposing to increase the monthly flat rate for residential customers from $63.95 to $84.42 and to change the monthly base rate for commercial customers from $25.24 for all meter sizes to a monthly base rate based on the size of the meter.

In addition, Pluris is proposing to increase the commercial customers' commodity charge per 1,000 gallons from $9.68 to $16.50.

The Commission is of the opinion that the application constitutes a general rate case and that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1.   That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137;

2.   That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134;

3.   That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019; and

4.   That an order scheduling hearings and requiring customer notice shall be issued by the Commission at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of February, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley did not participate in this decision.