

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1305, SUB 25

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Pluris Hampstead, LLC, for	)
a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)
Necessity to Provide Sewer Utility Service	)
to the Highlands Business Park in Pender	)
County, North Carolina, and for Approval	)
of Rates	)
	<b>SECOND ORDER FINDING</b>
	<b>APPLICATION INCOMPLETE</b>

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 5, 2020, Pluris Hampstead, LLC (Pluris) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide sewer utility service to the Highlands Business Park in Pender County, North Carolina.

North Carolina Session Law 2023-67, entitled “An Act to Expedite Transfer of Water or Wastewater Public Utilities” (Act), was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper, having been previously ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Act provides timelines for the Commission’s consideration of applications for grants or transfers of certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for certain water and wastewater systems. Section 1.(b) of the Act applies to applications for grant or transfer of CPCNs for water and wastewater systems currently pending before the Commission as of June 30, 2023. Among other things, this section requires the Commission to provide notice by July 31, 2023, whether any pending application is complete.

On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Report of the Public Staff and Initiating Rulemaking Proceeding which, in part, directed the Public Staff to file on or before July 25, 2023, whether each application identified by the Public Staff as subject to the provisions of Section 1.(b) of the Act is complete and identifying any deficiency in any identified application that is not complete.

On July 24, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter stating that it deemed the Application filed in this docket “incomplete because the information included in the application and on file with the Commission is too outdated for the Public Staff to make a recommendation and for the Commission to make a determination as to whether the application should be approved.” The Public Staff further stated in its letter that it recommends the Commission determine that the Application is incomplete and direct Pluris to file an amended application form and all required exhibits with information current as of no earlier than December 31, 2022.

On July 28, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete which, in part, directed Pluris to file an amended application form and all required exhibits with information current as of no earlier than December 31, 2022.

On February 20, 2024, Pluris filed an amended Application.

On February 27, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and recommending that the Commission find the Application incomplete.

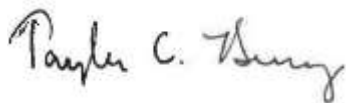
Based on the foregoing, and review of the Application and the subsequent filings in the docket by the Public Staff and Pluris the Presiding Commissioner finds that the Application is incomplete. Pluris shall file information sufficient to address the deficiencies noted in the Public Staff's letter of February 27, 2024. No later than 10 business days after the additional information is filed, the Public Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon the applicant a notice stating that the application is considered complete with the additional information, or a notice stating that the application is incomplete with the deficiencies identified.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of February, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Taylor C. Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Taylor" and last name "Berry" clearly distinguishable.

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk