

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1305, SUB 29
DOCKET NO. W-1300, SUB 69

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Application by Pluris Hampstead, LLC,)	
5950 Berkshire Lane, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75225,)	
for Authority to Acquire the Sewer Utility Systems)	ORDER
Serving Majestic Oaks and Hampstead Shopping)	REQUIRING
Center, Southside Commons (formerly Grey Bull),)	CUSTOMER
Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina)	NOTICE
in Pender County, North Carolina from Old North State)	
Water Company, LLC, and Approval of Rates)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 9, 2020, in the above-captioned dockets, Pluris Hampstead, LLC, (Pluris Hampstead) filed a joint application with Old North State Water Company, LLC (ONSWC), seeking authority to acquire the sewer systems serving Majestic Oaks and Hampstead Shopping Center, Southside Commons (formerly Grey Bull), Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina in Pender County, North Carolina. Southside Commons, Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina have matters pending before the Commission under Docket No. W-1300, Sub 20, Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and Docket No. W-1300, Sub 30 and Sub 56, Notification of Contiguous Extensions, respectively. The application stated that there are 171 customers.

On January 8, 2021, Pluris Hampstead amended its application to reflect the correct current and proposed residential sewer flat rate of \$56.40 previously approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. W-1300, Sub 11 and M-100, Sub 138, and provided documentation in support of its joint application. On January 27, 2021, Pluris Hampstead filed the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA).

Pluris Hampstead has entered into an APA, executed September 11, 2020, with ONSWC to acquire the assets for the wastewater collection systems that currently serve Majestic Oaks and Hampstead Shopping Center, Southside Commons, Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina. Pluris Hampstead has informed the Public Staff that it is not requesting an acquisition adjustment on the purchase price.

Pluris Hampstead requested approval of ONSWC's current rates approved in Docket No. W-1300, Sub 11 and Docket No. M-100, Sub 138, effective February 13, 2015, as shown below.

Monthly Flat Sewer Rates:

Residential service, per residence	\$ 56.40
Nonresidential service, per REU	\$ 56.40
Hampstead Shopping Center (14 REU's)	\$789.60

Pluris Hampstead also requested its approved reconnection charge, the actual cost if service is cut off by utility for good cause, and to change the billing frequency from monthly in arrears to monthly in advance.

This matter was presented at the Commission Staff Conference on February 8, 2021. The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order requiring customer notice. The Public Staff further recommends that the matter may be determined without scheduling a hearing if no significant protests are received from customers on or before Friday, March 26, 2021.

Based on the foregoing and the recommendations of the Public Staff, the Commission concludes that customer notice should be required and that this matter may be determined without scheduling a public hearing if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Notice to Customers, attached hereto as Appendix A, shall be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers affected by the transfer no later than ten days after the date of this Order; and
2. That Pluris Hampstead, LLC shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, not later than 15 days after the date of this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland did not participate in this decision.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. W-1305, Sub 29
DOCKET NO. W-1300, Sub 69

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that Pluris Hampstead, LLC, (Pluris Hampstead) 5950 Berkshire Lane, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas, 75225, filed a joint application with Old North State Water Company, LLC (ONSWC) seeking authority to acquire the sewer systems serving Majestic Oaks and Hampstead Shopping Center, Southside Commons (formerly Grey Bull), Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina in Pender County, North Carolina, from Old North State Water Company, LLC (ONSWC), and for approval of rates.

EFFECT OF RATES

Pluris Hampstead is requesting ONSWC's current rates approved in Docket Nos. W-1300, Sub 11 and M-100, Sub 138, effective February 13, 2015, as shown below.

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Pluris Hampstead is also requesting its approved reconnection charge, the actual cost if service is cut off by utility for good cause; and to change the billing frequency from monthly in arrears to monthly in advance.

In the next general rate case proceeding, customers in Majestic Oaks and Hampstead Shopping Center, Southside Commons, Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina shall be consolidated with Pluris Hampstead's existing customers. Any increase or decrease to Pluris Hampstead's currently approved residential monthly flat sewer rate of \$82.50 would also be applicable to customers in Hampstead Shopping Center, Southside Commons, Majestic Oaks West, and Salter's Haven at Lea Marina.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission concludes that the matter may be determined without scheduling a public hearing, if no significant protests are received from consumers on or before Friday, March 26, 2021. Correspondence concerning the transfer or service problems should be directed to the Public Staff.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include the name of the subdivision, contact information, and any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and these statements should be addressed to Dianna W. Downey, Chief Counsel, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 715-6704 or e-mailed to gina.casselberry@psncuc.nc.gov.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.


Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting the statements appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 no later than March 26, 2021. Any such motion should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The details of the application for transfer have been filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Information regarding this proceeding can be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding (i.e., W-1305 Sub 29).

This the 9th day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket Nos. W-1305, Sub 29 and W-1300, Sub 69 by the date specified in the Order.

This the _____ day of _____, 2021.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required copy of the Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket Nos. W-1305, Sub 29 and W-1300, Sub 69.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Official Signature of Notary

Notary's printed name, Notary Public

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date