



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

April 16, 2024

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-1305, Sub 25 – Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Wastewater Utility Service in Highlands Business Park in Pender County

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On February 5, 2020, in Docket No. W-1305, Sub 25, 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. Pluris filed with the Commission supplemental and additional materials in support the Application on July 14, 2023; February 20, March 6, March 14, and March 21, 2024.

On April 5, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that as of March 21, 2024, the Application includes all information required for a complete Application.

On April 9, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data (Order). The Order required the Public Staff to provide the Commission, within five business days, certain application data as provided in the following five enumerated paragraphs. In response thereto, the Public Staff provides as follows:

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1. The number and type of customers to be served by Pluris;

Response: There is one commercial customer and no residential customers.

2. The rates currently being charged to customers, including the docket number, if applicable, in which the current rates were approved by the Commission and the effective date for the current rates;

Response: The customer is not currently being served or charged for service.

3. The proposed rates Pluris seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to Pluris for the provision of sewer utility service to the Highlands Business Park in Pender County, North Carolina;

Response: Pluris proposes to charge the Monthly Commercial Metered Rates approved in Docket No. W-1305, Sub 12 on November 13, 2020, which are as follows:

Base charge, zero usage:

<1" meter \$ 23.50

1" meter \$ 58.75

1.5" meter \$ 117.50

2" meter \$ 188.00

4" meter \$ 587.50

6" meter \$1,175.00

Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 16.50

4. If an increase in rates is proposed, provide the impact on the average monthly sewer bill under the proposed rates compared to current rates. For metered rates, indicate the average monthly usage used in your calculations; and

Response: There is no proposed increase. The customer is not currently being served or charged for service, and Pluris intends to charge the approved uniform rates.

5. Briefly summarize any pertinent points from the Application such as a description of any planned capital improvements, the related dollar amounts, the estimated total impact on annual revenue requirement, and the estimated impact on the average monthly sewer bill.

Response: The Application proposes to serve a new service area in Pender County, North Carolina. Dominion Land Corporation is purchasing sewer service from Pluris Hampstead, LLC with a tap fee amount of \$19,200. The Application states that there are no planned improvements or additions required in the next five years.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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