

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA - SUPPLEMENTAL  
July 24, 2023  
Commission Hearing Room 2115, 10:00 a.m.**

**WATER AND WASTEWATER**

*ORDER REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE*

**Pluris, LLC**

1. Docket No. W-1282, Sub 20 – Application of Pluris, LLC for Transfer of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Utility Systems Serving Various Subdivisions in Onslow County, North Carolina, to the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority, Owner Exempt (*Darden/Bernier*)

*ORDER REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE*

**Pluris Webb Creek, LLC**

2. Docket No. W-1314, Sub 5 – Application for Transfer of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Utility Systems Serving Various Subdivisions in Onslow County, North Carolina, to the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority, Owner Exempt (*Darden/Bernier*)

The Public Staff recommends approval of the preceding agenda items as described above and reflected in proposed orders provided to the Commission Staff.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. W-1282, SUB 20

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Pluris, LLC, 5950 Berkshire	)	
Land, Dallas, Texas 75225, for Transfer of	)	
the Wastewater Treatment Plant and	)	
Wastewater Utility Systems Serving	)	ORDER REQUIRING
Various Subdivisions in Onslow County,	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
North Carolina, to the Onslow Water and	)	
Sewer Authority, Owner Exempt	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 26, 2023, Pluris, LLC (Pluris or Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to transfer Pluris' wastewater treatment plant and wastewater utility systems in Onslow County to the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA), which is exempt from Commission regulation.

Pluris currently provides wastewater utility service in the following subdivisions and non-residential locations:

South Bridge, Mimosa Bay – Phases 1-4, Oyster Landing, Village at Folkstone, Quarters at Stones Bay, Landing at Everetts Creek, Nautical Reach, Stonebay Townhomes, Aaronfield at Old Folkstone, Preserve at Tidewater, Barton Bay, Beachside Village, Bermuda Landing, Bridgeport, Cape Island, Windpointe, Comet at Sneads Ferry, Dolphin Shores, Emerald Dunes, Ennett Townhomes, Escoba Bay, Everetts Creek Estates, Evolve at North Shore, Folkstone Heights, Hampton Colony, Hawthorne at Sneads Ferry, Holly Sands Villas, Landing & Village at Folkstone, Landing at Mill Creek, Manchester Estates, NSCC, Old Millstone Landing, Permeta Branch, Northpoint Bay, Scotch Bonnet, Shipwatch Villas, Villa Capriani, Topsail Reef, St Regis, Topsail Villas, St Moritz, Calinda Cay, Heron Cay, Village of Stump Sound, Speedway, USPS, Just One Touch Cleaning, Jimmy's Bar & Grille, Inc., Kathy Parker Plaza, Marine Federal Credit Union, Atlantic Plaza, Beachside Commons, Bojangles, North Topsail Landing, Dairy Queen, Denny's, Dollar General, Four Corners Shopping Center, Hampton Inn, Hazy's Plaza, Onslow County Public Library, Onslow RV Campground, Rogers Bay Campground, Sawgrass Plaza, Stump Sound Elementary School, Topsail Way Shopping Center, McDonald's, Taco Bell, North Shore Village, Sneads Ferry Inn, Treasure Realty Plaza, Hardee's, Baked Pizza, Woodcreek RV Park, Town of North Topsail Beach, Rick's Restaurant, Riverview Café, Onslow County ABC, JOEMC, Yopp Brothers Marine, Sneads Ferry LP Gas, Ennett Realty, Alliance US Properties, LLC, CVS, Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, First Citizens Bank, Terry Whaley, Guy C Lee Building Materials,

Cape Fear Mini Storage, The Turtle Factory, Scotchman/Worsley Co., Shark Attack, Benjamin Barns, Truist Bank, Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Realty, Born Again Baptist Church, HV Hospitality, LLC / North Shore Inn, Mirage USA LLC, Pizza 21 LLC / Domino's Pizza, Industrial Concrete, Inc., Seaview Fishing Pier LLC, Wet Bucket Inc., Pawville North Carolina LLC, Agave Azul, O'Reilly Automotive Stores Inc., Swing Away NC Inc., Jeanette Lopez / Salty Sistas, Elizabeth Gilligan, Allard Properties LLC, Pierce Gregory M / All Pets Animal Hospital, North End Acquisitions Inc., Rademacher and Associates / Backyard Tavern, Sneads Ferry RV Park, and Coastal Premier Properties LLC (collectively referred to as the "Pluris System") in Onslow County, North Carolina.

The present rates for Pluris were approved in Docket Nos. W-1282, Sub 11, and M-100, Sub 138, and have been in effect since January 1, 2017. Pluris' and ONWASA's present monthly wastewater rates are as follows:

### **MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES**

Monthly wastewater service usage per customer for both ONWASA and Pluris averages approximately 4,000 gallons (4 kilogallons).

#### **Pluris' Monthly Residential Wastewater Rate**

Monthly Flat Rate: **\$58.08**

#### **ONWASA's Monthly Residential Wastewater Rate**

*Monthly Metered Residential Wastewater Rate for 4 kilogallons includes;*

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| 1. | Wastewater Base Charge for <1" meter, zero usage:       | \$28.08        |
| 2. | Monthly Usage per 1,000 gallons: \$7.97 x 4 kilogallons | <u>\$31.88</u> |

Total ONWASA monthly residential wastewater bill  
Based on 4,000 gallons including, Base Charge + Usage: **\$59.96**

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES**

#### **Pluris' Monthly Non-Residential Metered Wastewater Rates**

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Total Pluris monthly non-residential wastewater bill  
Based on 4,000 gallons, including Base Fee + Usage: **\$64.35**

## ONWASA's Monthly Non-Residential Metered Wastewater Rates

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3/4" meter	\$28.08
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Transfer of Pluris System customers to ONWASA would result in an increase in the average monthly residential wastewater bill from \$58.08 to \$59.96, based on 4,000 gallons of wastewater per month. Existing Pluris System customers would not be required to pay a connection fee to ONWASA.

Pluris' base charge for non-residential wastewater service is not based on the size of the serving meter. Most of Pluris' non-residential customers are served by meters 1" or less in size (153 meters out of 186). ONWASA's rates for non-residential wastewater service are based on meter size and would increase the average monthly wastewater bill if a customer is served by a meter larger than 3/4," with the extent of the increase dependent on the size of the serving meter.

The Pluris System is not troubled. It is an advanced state of the art membrane bio-reactor treatment plant between four and ten years old. Since it has been in service, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has issued one Notice of Violation to Pluris for a limit exceedance violation that occurred on May 31, 2021. NOV-2021-LV-0596 was issued on August 11, 2021, when flow through the North Topsail wastewater treatment plant exceeded the specified monthly average amount. No other violations have been identified. ONWASA will continue using the present system. There is no replacement planned in the immediate future.

Pluris and ONWASA are entering into a contract under which ONWASA will accept ownership and operational control of the Pluris System.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) presented this matter at the Commission’s Staff Conference on July 24, 2023. The Public Staff recommended that Pluris should be required to provide notice to all affected customers of the Application, including the applied for rates.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that Pluris should be required to provide notice to all affected customers of the Application, including the applied for rates, and that the Commission may decide this matter without a public witness hearing if no significant protests are received as specified in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

That the Notice to Customers, attached as Appendix A, be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by the Applicant to all customers that may be affected by the proposed rates no later than 10 days after the date of this Order; and that the Applicant 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 \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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Total ONWASA monthly residential wastewater bill  
Based on 4,000 gallons including, Base Charge + Usage: **\$59.96**

### NON-RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES

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3/4" meter	\$28.08
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**EFFECT OF THE RATES:**

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**PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

At this point no public witness hearing has been scheduled. The Commission may decide this matter without a public witness hearing if no significant protests are received from consumers within 30 days of the date of this notice. If a public witness hearing is held, it will be conducted in Onslow County. Correspondence concerning the transfer or the need for a public witness hearing should be directed to the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (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 any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, 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 the Executive Office at [Cindy.lvey@psncuc.nc.gov](mailto:Cindy.lvey@psncuc.nc.gov).

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent 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 may also be e-mailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

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 30 days after the date of this notice. Such motions should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers copies of the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1282, Sub 20, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ in Docket No. W-1282, Sub 20.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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DOCKET NO. W-1314, SUB 5

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Carolina, to the Onslow Water and Sewer	)	
Authority, Owner Exempt"	)	

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The present rates for Pluris Webb Creek were approved in Docket No. W-1314, Sub 4 and have been in effect since December 17, 2020. Pluris Webb Creek's' and ONWASA's present monthly wastewater rates are as follows:

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Monthly wastewater service usage per customer for both ONWASA and Pluris averages approximately 4,000 gallons (4 kilogallons).

**Pluris Webb Creek's Monthly Residential Wastewater Rate**

Monthly Flat Rate:	<b>\$73.38</b>
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### ONWASA's Monthly Residential Wastewater Rate

*Monthly Metered Residential Wastewater Rate for 4 kilogallons includes:*

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|---|----------------|
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| 2. Monthly Usage per 1,000 gallons: \$7.97 x 4 kilogallons: | <u>\$31.88</u> |
| Total ONWASA monthly residential wastewater bill            |                |
| Based on 4,000 gallons including Base Charge + Usage:       | <b>\$59.96</b> |

### NON-RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES

#### Pluris Webb Creek's Monthly Non-Residential Metered Wastewater Rates

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Wastewater Base Charge for <1" (i.e., ¾") meter, zero usage: | \$10.00        |
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| Total Pluris Webb Creek monthly non-residential wastewater bill |                |
| Based on 4,000 gallons including Base Fee + Usage =             | <b>\$76.00</b> |

Pluris Webb Creek Base Wastewater Charges, no usage

<1" meter	\$10.00
1" meter	\$25.00
1.6" meter	\$50.00
2" meter	\$80.00
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### EFFECT OF THE RATES:

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**PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

At this point no public hearing has been scheduled. The Commission may decide this matter without a public hearing if no significant protests are received from consumers within 30 days of the date of this notice. If a public hearing is held, it will be conducted in Onslow County. Correspondence concerning the transfer or the need for a public hearing should be directed to the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (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 any information that the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, 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 the Executive Office at [Cindy.Ivey@psncuc.nc.gov](mailto:Cindy.Ivey@psncuc.nc.gov).

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent 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.

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 30 days after the date of this notice. Such motions should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers copies of the attached Notice to Customers issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. W-1314, Sub 5, and the Notice was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Notice to Customers was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ in Docket No. W-1314, Sub 5.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date