

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1305, SUB 32

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 South Topsail Elementary School in)
Pender County, North Carolina, and for)
Approval of Rates)

**JOINT MOTION TO
CANCEL TESTIMONY
DEADLINES AND
HEARING**

NOW COME Pluris Hampstead, LLC (Applicant), by and through its counsel, and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers (collectively, the Moving Parties), and hereby request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) cancel the hearing scheduled in this matter and cancel all pending deadlines for submission of prefiled testimony.

In support of this motion, the Moving Parties show as follows:

1. On March 30, 2021, Applicant filed with the Commission an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) seeking to provide wastewater utility service to the South Topsail Elementary School in Pender County, North Carolina and approval of rates.

2. On July 24, 2023, the Public Staff filed a letter outlining the deficiencies in the Application and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete. On July 28, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete.

3. On March 6, 2024, Pluris filed additional exhibits in response to the Public Staff's letter outlining deficiencies. On March 13, 2024, the Public Staff filed

a letter outlining the deficiencies and indicating that the Public Staff considers the Application incomplete. On March 14, 2024, the Commission issued a Second Order Finding Application Incomplete.

4. On March 14, 2024, April 1, 2024, and April 8, 2024, Pluris filed additional information and an amended Application. On April 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application. On April 22, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data. On April 24, 2024, the Public Staff provided the information requested by the Commission.

5. On June 13, 2024, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order which, among other things, provides that the Applicant's prefiled direct testimony and exhibits shall be filed on or before Friday, August 16, 2024; that the Public Staff and other intervenors' prefiled direct testimony shall be filed by Friday, August 30, 2024; and Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony, if any, shall be filed by Monday, September 16, 2024.

6. An expert witness hearing is scheduled for September 30, 2024. No customer hearing has been scheduled. To date there has been no intervention; the only parties in this docket are the Public Staff and Applicant. Neither the Applicant nor the Public Staff have information indicating there might be an intervention by any other party.

7. The verified CPCN Application, as amended, provides a factual background sufficient to support an order without expert witness testimony.

8. The Public Staff has reviewed the Application as supplemented through April 8, 2024, and conducted discovery thereon. Based on its review and the particular circumstances of this Application, the Public Staff plans to present this

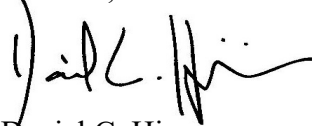
matter on the agenda for a Regular Staff Conference on Monday, July 15, 2024, in lieu of hearing, for approval of the CPCN. Accordingly, there is no need for further prefiled testimony or a hearing.

9. Cancellation of the hearing and excusal of the Moving Parties from the requirement to prefile any expert witness testimony will serve administrative efficiency, save time, and save cost.

WHEREFORE, the Moving Parties move that the Commission issue an order that cancels the hearing scheduled for September 23, 2024, and cancels the requirement for any prefiled testimony

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of July, 2024.

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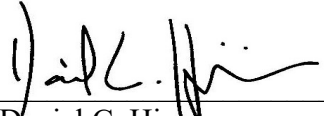
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States Mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 5th day of July, 2024.



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