

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. W-1314, SUB 4

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Pluris Webb Creek, LLC, 5950 Berkshire Lane, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas, 75225 for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates for Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas in Onslow County, North Carolina))))))))))	ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE HEARING
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BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On April 27, 2020, Pluris Webb Creek, LLC (Pluris Webb Creek or the Company) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing sewer utility service in all of its service areas in Onslow County, North Carolina.

On May 26, 2020, the Commission issued an Order declaring this proceeding to be a general rate case and suspending the effect of the proposed rates pending Commission investigation. On August 10, 2020, the Commission issued an Order scheduling hearings in this proceeding on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses and on Monday, November 2, 2020, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony. The scheduling Order provided that the expert witness hearing on November 2, 2020, would be conducted either remotely via Webex or in the Commission Hearing Room, and that the Commission would issue an order by October 12, 2020, notifying the parties of its decision.

On September 23, 2020, the public witness hearing was held remotely via Webex as scheduled.

In order to address the public health threat posed by the spread of the novel coronavirus and to protect human life, North Carolina remains under a State of Emergency as declared by Executive Order of the Governor issued on March 10, 2020. Since the emergency was declared, restrictions on business operations and the numbers of people permitted to gather and attend indoor meetings have been in place and have continued at varying levels based on the stability of certain metrics related to the rate of spread and prevalence of the virus in North Carolina. Executive Order 169 is the Governor's most recent order addressing the State of Emergency and setting related capacity limitations on indoor gatherings at no more than 25 people in a single confined indoor space.

Based on the continuing State of Emergency and the current uncertainty regarding future measures that may be required to assist in controlling the spread of the coronavirus, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to conduct the expert witness

hearing remotely via Webex and to adopt procedures for the orderly conducting of that hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a general rate increase will be held remotely via Webex . A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. The hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

(1) On or before Monday, October 19, 2020, the parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;

(2) On or before Monday, October 19, 2020, the parties shall provide the email addresses of all attorneys, witnesses, and other persons participating in the hearing on either party's behalf by emailing the Commission at ncucwebex@ncuc.net;

(3) On or before Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other party and to the Commission via email sent to ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;

(4) On or before Friday, October 30, 2020, the parties shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other party and the Commission via email sent to ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;

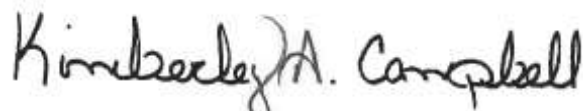
(5) Within three business days after the hearing, the parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as identified during the hearing; and

(6) The parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk