



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

April 24, 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 32 – Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Wastewater Utility Service in South Topsail Elementary School in Pender County

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On March 30, 2021, in Docket No. W-1305, Sub 32, Pluris Hampstead, LLC (Pluris), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Rates (Application) to provide wastewater utility service to South Topsail Elementary School in Pender County, North Carolina. Pluris supplemented its Application on March 6, March 14, April 1, and April 8, 2024.

On April 19, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that as of April 19, 2024, the Application includes all information required for a complete application.

On April 22, 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:

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

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

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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 commercial metered rate approved in W-1305, Sub 12 on November 13, 2020, is being charged.

3. The proposed rates Pluris seeks to charge if the Commission approves the issuance of a CPCN to Pluris for the provision of wastewater utility service to South Topsail Elementary School 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.

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. Pender County Schools is purchasing sewer service from Pluris with a tap fee amount of \$67,886. The Application states that there are no planned improvements or additions required in the next five years. Pluris is currently serving and billing the one customer.

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

Sincerely,
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cc: Parties of Record