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 CANCELING EXPERT
WITNESS HEARING, REQUIRING
NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS,
ADMITTING EVIDENCE INTO THE
RECORD, AND ALLOWING THE
FILING OF PROPOSED ORDERS
AND BRIEFS

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 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.

On October 9, 2020, Pluris Webb Creek and the Public Staff filed an agreement and stipulation that recites the parties' agreements resolving all disputed issues in this proceeding. In addition, the parties have agreed to waive any objection to the introduction of evidence by the other party.

On October 12, 2020, the Commission issued an Order notifying the parties that the November 2, 2020, expert witness hearing would be held remotely and adopting procedures for the orderly conducting of that hearing.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, including the parties' having resolved all differences as to the issues, the Presiding Commissioner finds good

cause to cancel the expert witness hearing currently scheduled on Monday, November 2, 2020, and to require Pluris Webb Creek to provide notice to its customers by prominently posting a copy of this Order on its website and mailing a copy of this Order to each customer that testified at the hearing on September 23, 2020. Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to admit into the record Pluris Webb Creek's application for a general rate increase, the prefiled testimony and affidavit of the parties' witnesses including the supporting workpapers and exhibits, and the agreement and stipulation between Pluris Webb Creek and the Public Staff. Finally, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to allow the parties to file proposed orders and briefs in this docket on or before Monday, November 23, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk