



## Interoffice Memorandum

January 27, 2020

**TO:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
and Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Raymond E. Hanson, P. E., Director  
Utilities Department

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**SUBJECT: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Discussion Agenda  
February 11, 2020 BCC Meeting  
Pluris Wedgefield LLC Water and Wastewater System  
Contact Person: Tim Armstrong, Assistant Director  
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The Wedgefield subdivision, located in east Orange County, was initially developed in 1962. Portions of Wedgefield are served by well and septic, while additional properties (approximately 1,800) have centralized water and sewer infrastructure. Since their inception, these centralized systems have been owned and operated by private utility companies. Currently, Pluris Wedgefield LLC owns and operates these systems.

Throughout the history of these systems, Wedgefield residents have voiced concerns regarding water quality, rates/pricing, and customer service levels. In late 2016, the Wedgefield homeowners' associations requested that Orange County consider acquiring the Pluris Wedgefield LLC water and wastewater systems. Subsequently, the Board authorized the Utilities Department to competitively solicit and secure professional consultant services to obtain an opinion of value for the systems. The work was awarded to Hartman Consultants LLC, and the initial phase of their efforts wrapped up in May of 2019.

Staff will discuss the findings of the Phase I Value Consulting Report for Pluris Wedgefield LLC Water and Wastewater System and a summary of the next phases required if the Board desires to move forward with this acquisition.

Board action is not requested at this time; however, staff will be seeking board direction associated with engaging in future phases relative to this matter.