

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 10:45 AM
To: 'Jeannie S. James'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Sewer Proposal and Waiver for Environmental Utilities, LLC

Good Morning, Jeannie James

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226-SU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Jeannie S. James <jsjames@marlynsteel.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Sewer Proposal and Waiver for Environmental Utilities, LLC
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a property owner on Don Pedro Island/Knight Island/Palm Island within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer. I object to EU's request for the bifurcation of the certificate and rate-making proceedings and I object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rule 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q).

As a stakeholder in the proposed service area, it is important to have all of the relevant information regarding the proposed central sewer including the proposed rates, connection fees and the type of system intended for installation. I therefore request that EU's request for bifurcation and a temporary waiver be denied.

In addition any company that plans on installing a sewer system should have the engineering work complete to inform the residence of the expense and residual value of such a system. There is a study of bacteria in and around the island. They should be able to tell us what benefit we can expect switching to a sewer system from a septic system.

There are also full time homeowners who fear they will not be able to afford to pay in full an “unknown” specified fee for septic hook up and no availability for a pay plan with Environmental Utility, LLC. This sewer plan should not burden people out of their homes. I would prefer an experienced company that has the financial resources to properly fund the startup of this project. We do not want the county to have to “bail” out a failing company in a few years like the county has had to do in the past. We need it done correctly the first time.

Yours truly,

Jeannie S. James
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