

**Jacob Veughn**

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**From:** Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 8:30 AM  
**To:** 'Barb Gavel'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket:20200226-SU

Good Morning, Barbara Gavel

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

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**From:** Barb Gavel <bdgavel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 18, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Docket:20200226-SU

Dear Clerk:

I am a property owner in Cape Haze, Florida and I am protesting the application by **ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES** and the barrier islands. First, we don't need sewers, second we are a community with low population, and third, there is absolutely no evidence that our septic tanks are causing any pollution.

Environmental Utilities is asking all residents to pay around \$19,000 each (up front). They are recommending those who can't pay to simply "take out a loan." This is the highest amount that has been asked of residents for a sewer system in Charlotte County.

Keep in mind that I have my septic cleaned once a year. Not only will I have to pay \$19K, but also thousands more to hook up their system to my septic tank, which will involve ripping out landscaping and my irrigation system. Not even sure how this will affect my irrigation well. Then to add insult to injury, they will only

pump out the liquids and I will STILL have to have the solids removed from the septic tank and pay a monthly charge for the pumping. Makes NO SENSE.

The only benefit I see to this is that the residents are paying for the costs and the County Utilities will reap the benefits.

Lastly, (all though, probably irrelevant to the County), I am 70s years old, a widow and on a fixed income.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gavel  
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