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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:26 PM
To: 'Robert Matthews'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket 20200226-SU (Environmental Utilities, LLC) - Dissenting Opinion

Good Afternoon, Mr. Matthews.

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

Thank you!

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From: Robert Matthews <rrmatthews4jc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:22 PM
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Subject: Docket 20200226-SU (Environmental Utilities, LLC) - Dissenting Opinion

Dear Clerk,

I am a property owner in Cape Haze, FL, and I am writing to protest the application of Environmental Utilities, LLC to install sewers in Cape Haze and the adjacent barrier islands. I have attended community meetings and had many conversations with interested parties regarding the necessity to change from our current septic systems to city sewer. I have not heard or seen any analysis that supports such a change in our specific area. In fact, I've heard more concern that additional gray water coming from the county is more of an environmental problem for our unique ecosystem than the current septic solution. Cape Haze and the corresponding area have a very low population density. In addition, the seasonality (winter) of that population is highest when the tide table is at its lowest, making the environmental impact even less. I would strongly encourage all decision makers to research and understand more deeply this unique area before rendering such an important decision.

In the end, if the decision to move forward with a sewer system is affirmed, then I would ask that the company being selected to manage the installation is fully vetted not only for their engineering ability, but also for their financial ability to see the project through to completion. The current utility (Environmental Utilities, LLC) appears to be short in experience and financial strength. Many of my neighbors have voiced concern about this specific company and its owner. No one has seen any financial pro-forma outlining what the final cost would be to each property owner. Given these COVID times that we live in, I would be very careful about placing an unknown financial burden on residents.

In conclusion, I would ask that the commission overseeing this process hits the pause button to reflect on both the necessity and the implementation of any changes to our current structure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
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