

Antonia Hover

From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:32 AM
To: 'Cori Palmere'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Deny EU's application Docket# 20200226-SU

Good Morning, Cori Palmere.

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

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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From: Cori Palmere <cori.palmere@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:30 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Deny EU's application Docket# 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Cori Palmere. My husband, Jim Palmere, and I live at 31 South Gulf Blvd. on Don Pedro Island. We are within the service district for the central sewer system being proposed by Environmental Utilities (EU). We strongly urge you to DENY EU's application for Original Certification or Authorization for the following reasons

1. Need - The need for service at this time is not warranted. No water testing has been done to determine there is currently a problem with our septic systems. Many of the homes on the island are not used year round. We have chosen to live here because of the quiet way of life. Most streets are not paved. We have wildlife all around us. We have no crowds on the beach. There are so many stories of once peaceful barrier islands becoming overdeveloped with high rise hotels, businesses and crowds. Putting in central sewers is the first step in changing our island forever. We are also concerned about the potential hazard of a leaking or broken sewer line that would connect our island to the mainland under the Intracoastal waterway
2. Financial- There has been no information provided to us regarding EU's ability to finance this project. The ability of EU to finance and manage this enormous project does not seem like something taxpayers should be worried about, and yet we are very worried about it. EU has no experience. It seems unimaginable that a project that will cost millions of dollars would be granted to a company with no

experience. Have engineering firms been contacted to educate EU with the challenges of building a project of this magnitude on a bridgeless island with only small ferries as transport system? Additionally the cost of connection to the sewer by the homeowner has been estimated as high as \$20,000. There has been no plan shared about a pay-over-time option. It would be a financial hardship for some and personal loans would have to be taken out. I also understand that a generator would be needed by each homeowner to run the grinder pump in the event of a power outage. Some homes would need extensive electrical upgrading to accommodate this generator. And the list goes on.

Thank you for your service and taking the time to consider our concerns. Please accept this as our request to DENY EU's application Docket #20200226SU.

Sincerely,
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