

Lisa Smith

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU; RE. Docket #20200226-SU ; Sewer - Don Pedro , Knight Island, Palm Island ; RE. Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU; Objection of Palm Island Sewer Project; Objection to private sewer; Docket #20200226-SU

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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From: Buzz <buzz@buzzmallett.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing this letter to oppose the granting of a sewer franchise for Knights and Don Pedro Islands to Environmental Utilities. I own property at 26 Palm Dr. on Knights Island.

I don't believe the need for central sewer on Knights Island has been proven. I was personally involved with the replacement of a 30 year old drain field on the island and was pleasantly surprised that there was no evidence of pollution of the underlying sands after all that time; no odor, no visible pollutants, just clean sand. And it was built before the current improvements to septic systems.

The franchise should not be granted to an entity with no experience in waste water management or construction.

I would like to build a house on my property and the prospect of this franchise being granted makes it financially impossible. I would have to build a \$20K septic system only to abandon it and spend an additional \$15-\$20K on a sewer hookup and lift pump station.

I am requesting denial of the above mentioned franchise.

Respectfully,

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From: Schaible, Evelyn J <Evelyn.Schaible@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:09 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

I, Evelyn J. Schaible, an Island property and homeowner within the proposed service area of Don Pedro island, oppose the proposal for central sewer by Environmental Utilities. I object the proposal. Please deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

Thank you for your time!
Evelyn J Schaible

*By providing this electronic signature, I **<Evelyn Schaible>** am attesting that I understand that electronic signatures are legally binding and have the same meaning as handwritten signatures. I am also confirming that internal controls have been maintained, and that policies and procedures were properly followed to ensure the authenticity of the electronic signature. This statement is to certify that I confirm that this electronic signature is to be the legally binding equivalent of my handwritten signature and that the data on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

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From: Gary Galloway <garudy54@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioner Clark,

I am asking the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization to Environmental Utilities for central sewer on Don Pedro Island, Knight Island, etc.

My name is Gary Galloway and I own a house and live on Don Pedro Island. I was an engineer with a multinational corporation for 32 years. I have sponsored, developed, managed, and directed several multi-million-dollar capital projects. In all those years I have developed and written multiple specifications for various projects. I have interviewed countless contractors and reviewed their qualifications and experience. So, to say the least, I have had some experience with capital projects, engineering, and maintenance systems.

After reviewing various information about Environmental Utilities(EU) I see several areas of concern about Environmental Utilities(EU) and what they are recommending for installing for a sanitary drainage system on Don Pedro, and Knight Islands (aka Palm Island).

*First and foremost Environmental Utilities has NO experience. EU has shown NO qualifications and technical expertise.

*To my knowledge EU has not provided any study on the best system to install on a barrier island such as ours (strike1).

*Limited and/or weak descriptions of cost to property owners associated with installation and the maintenance of the type of system being proposed. EU has not provided any efficient administrative fee structure that would include transparency, horizontal equity, or administrative ease (strike 2).

*No justification for the need for service. EU has not demonstrated any need for service at this time on these islands. No water quality testing, no environmental impact study, no biological assessment of the impact to wildlife and possible endangered species. (strike 3).

*EU has not demonstrated its financial literacy in both word and deed. That leads me to question EU's insubstantial financial ability. To my knowledge EU has not provided evidence of their financial ability to accomplish a project of this magnitude.(strike 4).

It is true that the county has recommended sewers in its future plans for barrier islands. That, I will not deny, but Environmental Utilities is not the company to do it. I strongly recommend Environmental Utilities be denied the Original Certificate of Authorization for central sewer on Don Pedro Island, Knight Island, etc. both now and in any future request.

Gary Galloway

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From: JoAnn Elardo <outlook_3BD59017611E759F@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:42 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Sewer - Don Pedro , Knight Island, Palm Island

Hello Commissioner,

I am a home owner on Don Pedro at 177N Gulf Dr. I have lived in Florida for over 15 years own several businesses and sit on several boards.

I am against the present plan to have an unqualified party put in the islands sewer systems. At present time we have a family business handling our water – we have problems with our water – first off it is yellow most of the time. Band-Aids and Duct Tape hold the system together.

The first approval of this we will see a sell off to a larger company. It is a money game – like having a non profit Coop start up – there is no need – if you are set on going this route get a major utilities to do it. Not a new family business. I am also unaware who requested this sewer service – I have never even heard it was needed. I am uncomfortable with any of the information that has been sent by this party regarding the sewer – No information on the cost or how it will be done?

We urge you to really look into to this first instead of putting this in the hands of a firm that has never done it before.

Please vote No
Thank you

JoAnn & Robert Elardo

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From: Linda Burkhardt <linda.burkhardt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:58 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

My husband and I own a home at 120 Bocilla Drive on Palm Island and I am writing this email to request that the PSC deny Environmental Utility's (EU) application for wastewater service for our community.

My main concern is whether any real need for this service has been established by those of us who live in this community. If our homeowners' association or a group of concerned property owners had established a need for wastewater service, I would support moving forward with a solution. I cannot understand how a privately held company like EU could be allowed to force their wastewater treatment plan on residents without their input. It seems to me that if a need was actually established, the property owners in our community should have the opportunity to evaluate the plans and rates of multiple service providers. Every neighbor I have spoken to is opposed to the plans and tactics of EU. Our community is also concerned by the lack of EU's experience in this field and who is overseeing their planning, construction and costs to the homeowners.

Thank you for your time and again, please deny EU's application for wastewater service.

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From: Feiner Daniel <feinerdr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:04 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; clerk@psc.fl.state.us
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear commissioners

My name is Veronica Miks and I own a house on Little Gasparilla Island. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny the application of the company EU for wastewater services and their Original Certificate of Authorization.

I have many concerns about this company. When they originally provided water as a private company, due to their inexperience, they overextended their capabilities on Little Gasparilla Island, subsequently needing the county to oversee, and now, by default, many had to forsake water saving cisterns and force hook up to his private company. His rates for metering cost more than an average homeowner on the mainland, and the island had to go to the state commission to object to his overcharge of water rates.

Now there is a costly proposal by his company, which has no experience in sewer development, to place a sewer system on our island, a small barrier island, with no commercial development and very few permanent year round residents. There is no farming or grass which contribute to fertilizer runoff and the current sewers should be up to current Florida code. Looking at the state records, pollution and runoff are non existent in the waterways around our island. I know for a fact that my well, which I don't use, was tested for nitrogen and e. Coli and passed, showing that the ground water is not being contaminated in my area. There is no urgent need for a sewer system in this area to be placed by a company with no experience.

My other concerns include prohibitory costs to a person with a fixed income. This company has not been forthright in costs, but I have been told it will probably be greater than 10K to be paid up front along with secondary costs of electrical panel to support the type of sewer they want to build, which is not practical on an island with frequent power outages. Supposedly, they want to place a grinding type sewer, which although cheaper initially, is potentially more costly as time goes on, especially if electrical panels need upgrading, the grinder deteriorates faster in a costal climate and needs replacement every 5 years. If there is a prolonged loss of power, there is no backup plan because this type of sewer doesn't work without power, potentially causing a health problem. Other than supplying and maintaining your own generator, another cost, there is no alternative. I imagine it would be very hard on the elderly if there was a problem.

My other issue is the environmental impact and there has been no studies to see the effect. EU has sent misleading articles about how the Crystal River is affected, but this is an area with a higher population impact and density, totally dissimilar to the area of Little Gasparilla Island. We have no cars, no grass, no agricultural areas, no commercial property. It has two small condo areas that are not high rise buildings, just side by side units, and empty lots and single unit family homes which are mostly 2 bedrooms; not high density. There are protected gopher tortoises here and the other protected animals that use their burrows. EU plans on going through a state park for their set up and through the intercostal to connect to the mainland. I have not heard of their plan to mitigate their environmental impact.

These are a few of my issues with this unproven company, and it will impact me both financially as well as concerns of damage to my property and landscaping, especially as I have explicitly used native plants, bushes and trees to attract birds, butterflies and other native species and allow them a habitat on the barrier island. I maintain my septic system. Please do not allow this unproven, inexperienced company the rights to place an unwanted, non urgent, inappropriate expensive sewer on the island.

Thank you very much for reading my concerns.

Veronica Miks
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Sent from my iPad

Lisa Smith

From: leerobertsdpt@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:29 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU
Attachments: Commissioner Clark PSC letter January 2022.docx

Please find attached a letter requesting that the PSC deny EU's request for a central sewer project on Little Gasparilla Island.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

William Lee Roberts

Lisa Smith

From: RaeAnne Brenneise <rabrenneise@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Objection of Palm Island Sewer Project
Attachments: sewer objection letter.docx

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From: Paul Brenneise <pbrenneise@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:34 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Objection to private sewer
Attachments: Objection to private sewer proposal.docx

Please find attached objection to EU's central sewer system on Palm Island.

Paul Brenneise
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From: Cathy Derr <cathy@gwamarillo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:09 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

I am the property owner of 530 N Gulf Rd, Unit A & B.on Don Pedro Island.

As a property owner, I firmly object to the proposal referenced above and ask PSE to deny the application for Original Certification and Authorization for this Proposed Central Sewer System

Thank you,

**Cathy Derr CBD Investments, LLC
530 Gulf Rd Unit 1 & B
Don Pedro Island**

**My phone number 806-679-8436
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