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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:01 AM
To: 'cdjean20@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: Docket #20200226-SU
Attachments: Letter to PSC against island sewer.docx

Good Morning, Chaz and Dona Cabela.

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!

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From: Dona Cabela <cdjean20@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Hello:

Please review my attached letter.
RE: Formal request to deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization.

Respectfully

Chaz & Dona Cabela

January 23, 2022

Clerk of the Commission

SUBJECT: Docket #20200226-SU

Request: Formally requesting that the PSC deny the application to E.U for proposed sewer system for Knights Island, Bocilla Island and Don Pedro Island.

Hello: We are property owners who live at 110 N. Gulf on Knights Island. We are seasonal owners and our home is not in any rental program. It is just myself and my husband who live here. We moved to Knights Island 6 years ago and have come to love the quiet and endearing qualities of these 3 little islands. The idea of bringing a sewer system to these islands is without merit and from what we have seen ill planned (actually there are no plans). The consequences and environmental impact this will have on these islands is enormous, not to mention the cost to the home owners.

Mandatory: Why would you force individual home owners to "mandatory" rules to hook up to sewer when it is not needed? Our septic has been professionally maintained since we purchased this home. We have it pumped regularly and everything is in compliance. We can't imagine how the individuals must feel who have (within the past 5 years) built new homes and/or who are under construction at the present time. They have just paid for new septic's and could now, possibly, have to take them out and pay to hook up to a sewer system; unnecessarily. How about the new owners who have yet to break ground? They are being held in limbo not knowing if they need septic or will eventually have to hook to sewer. Again, unnecessarily.

Another aspect of why this application should be denied is the negative impact on the habitats of this island, namely the gopher tortoises. Have you thought about the "threatened" gopher tortoises that are all over these islands? Yes, I researched, these tortoises are listed in South Florida as threatened. Both the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law. How in the world will E.U. be able to plow through this island without disrupting their burrows?

Yes, I could go on and on with reasons why this application should be denied. I wonder why this is being shoved on us. I believe everyone on the board, knows, that this is all based on greed and money. If E.U really cared about these islands, they would not be doing this. Please take all these points that I have mentioned into consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully

Chaz & Dona Cabela (Owners on Knights Island)

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