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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:58 AM
To: 'Jamkelly5'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket#20200226-SU

Good Morning, Jim and Lori Kelly.

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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Commissioners,

I am writing in regards to the proposed central sewer system application by Environmental Utilities (EU). We are seasonal residents and our home is fairly new. This will be our third winter on Palm Island. I'm sure you are aware of the cost of a new septic system for an individual home -not a small price. We followed all the rules and regulations requested by the state and county. Our system is properly maintained by a licensed septic contractor who is recognized by the state and county. Now you're saying that all of the time and money we've invested is for nothing? I failed to see how a central sewer line would benefit us and feel we are being blindsided by another huge unnecessary cost for a system we don't want or need.

Also the lack of information regarding the finances of EU is concerning. And the huge change in their estimated hook up cost is troubling. Does this company, which runs a water treatment plant, not a septic company, have the expertise to take on a project of this magnitude? There are so many unknowns with EU that are very concerning.

Also, there have been no environmental concerns regarding the existing septic systems on Palm Island, and this proposed line is not something the residents want or need.

Palm Island is a special place. The residents truly care about the beautiful environment in which they live, and the animals they share it with. The disruption the construction of a sewer line would cause could be devastating to some of those animals – particularly the gopher tortoise, a protected species. It will also be disruptive to the lives of the residents, who rely on small roads and a car ferry to access the mainland. Sharing that ferry and those roads with construction crews and equipment will be problematic.

We urge you to look at the facts, and listen to the voices of the residents on the island whose lives will be impacted, and deny EU a permit.

Thank You,
Jim & Lori Kelly
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