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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:06 AM
To: 'Matthew'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Good Morning, Matthew Karmel.

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!

Toni Hover

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From: Matthew <matthew.karmel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Dear Sir or Madam,

Below are my comments regarding the Application of Environmental Utilities, LLC for a Certificate to provide wastewater services to Palm Island (I'm a resident of Palm Island and if the proposal is accepted, I will be forced to become a customer of Environmental Utilities):

1. The proposal appears as a solution (and a very expensive solution...) looking for a problem... To the best of my knowledge, we have had no environmental issue -- any issue -- with any of the existing septic tanks on the island, in years (I actually can't recall when was the last time there was any issue with any of the existing systems on the island).
As I and my neighbors see it -- this proposal will force us into major investments (related to removing the existing systems) and new permanent monthly fees -- with no benefits to the community.
2. Unfortunately, we are also concerned with the firm applying for the Certificate -- from the perspective of their financial as well as their technical capabilities to carry such an enormous project. The principals of Environmental Utilities LLC have had a sketchy track record in execution and conduct of similar past projects, and we are extremely worried we'll become the victims of another shoddy project, leading to potential environmental damages and further driving up costs.

Please deny this application.

Best regards,

Matthew Karmel

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