

Lisa Smith

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: RE Docket 20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Environmental Utilities Application for Controlling Wastewater on Bridgeless Barrier Islands. Docket #20200226; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system. ; RE Docket #20200226-SU - Objection to Proposal - PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE EU application for wastewater service docket #20200226-SU; RE

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:24 AM
To: 'Deb Knighten'
Subject: RE: Docket 20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Knighten,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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From: Deb Knighten <deb_knighten@yahoo.com>
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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket 20200226-SU

Regarding the proposed certification of a central sewer system at Don Pedro Island.

It makes no sense that a private company is able to install a sewer system that no one wants and charge us an arbitrary number for it. Especially a company that is well known for their poor reputation. Private citizens of our community are having shell money to fight this thing.

It's pure nonsense and needs to stop.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:23 AM
To: 'John Ziegert'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Ziegert,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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From: John Ziegert <jziegert@uncc.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 2:58 PM
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Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Dr. John Ziegert and I own and reside at the property at 221 Bocilla Drive on Don Pedro Island. My property is within the service district for the central sewer system being proposed by Environmental Utilities (EU). I request that you DENY EU's Application for Original Certificate or Authorization for the following reasons.

1. NEED. To date no actual studies have been conducted to determine that there is in fact a need for central sewers on the island. Please understand that our islands are not densely populated, with fewer than half of the available buildable lots having dwellings. Furthermore, a large majority of the existing dwellings are only used

for a few months a year. Except for Palm Island Resort at the north end of Knight Island, which currently owns and operates its own sewage treatment facility, there are NO commercial entities on the islands; no stores, no restaurants, no businesses of any kind that would create a concentrated need for municipal sewage treatment facilities. We have seen no testing of local waters that shows the current residential septic systems are negatively impacting the local environment. Furthermore, the islands are home to a large population of endangered gopher tortoises, and the extensive excavation and heavy equipment traffic required by the sewer installation will almost certainly have a strong negative impact on the existing tortoise population. EU proposes to pump the untreated sewage across the Intracoastal Waterway via an underwater pipe, rather than build sewage processing capabilities on the island(s). I believe this strategy poses a much greater environmental risk due to the possibility of the underwater pipe failing or being damaged by vessel traffic, anchors, etc on the Intracoastal Waterway. This possibility must be weighed against the unproven risk of environmental damage from existing septic systems, especially since EU has not provided any evidence that the island septic systems are, in fact, poorly maintained or causing problems. Given these concerns, I believe EU's application must be DENIED.

2. FINANCIAL ABILITY. The residents who would be affected by EU's proposal have not been provided any information regarding EU's ability to finance this project that will cost tens of millions of dollars over the course of several years before any fee income is generated. EU is a newly formed company with NO employees or track record to show they are capable of obtaining financing for, or managing a project of this size and complexity. Given that, it seems that as a condition of approval EU should be required to post a performance bond that would guarantee this project would be completed in the not unlikely event that EU finds it has neither the technical expertise nor financial wherewithal to complete the project after it is begun. It is not clear that EU has the financial ability to even obtain such a bond; and I believe that they would have substantial difficulty in doing so since any bonding entity will be looking closely at their financial and technical ability to undertake and complete this project. Given their complete lack of experience in projects of this size and complexity, I doubt they would be unable to satisfy the bonding entities. Another troubling fact is the fact that a number of island residents have reported that in conversations with the owners of EU that they don't believe EU has any actual intention of building the proposed system. Instead, their strategy is to obtain the Certificate of Authorization and then try to collect a large fee from some other entity for the rights to undertake the project. I hope that the PRC has a mechanism to ensure that once an entity has obtained Authorization they actually proceed with the project in a timely manner, rather than just wait around for somebody else to pay them for the rights. Based on their lack of demonstrated ability to finance and bond this project, as well as the uncertainty regarding whether they actually intend to proceed, I believe EU's application must be DENIED.

3. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE. It seems apparent that EU, as presently constituted, has essentially zero technical expertise in this area. The principal of EU reportedly runs the municipal water service on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), which incidentally has quite a record of dis-satisfied customers and service issues. However a water supply system that simply accepts already treated water from another mainland utility and then distributes it, reads the meters, and collects the payments, is vastly different from designing, installing, maintaining and running a municipal sewage system. I am a retired Professor of Engineering and have held a Professional Engineer's License for over 40 years. Although my area of expertise is not in municipal wastewater systems, I am quite familiar with the size, scope, and complexity of a project such as this. I understand that EU plans to contract with an engineering/construction firm to design and build out the proposed system; but it doesn't appear to me that the two persons/owners who presently constitute the entirety of EU even have the ability to intelligently draft a request for proposals to build the system, or evaluate the proposals once they arrive. Furthermore, it is unclear that any engineering firms they may have contacted have been fully informed regarding the difficulties of building on these bridgeless islands where access is **only** provided by a small ferry/barge system with very limited capability to transport large and heavy equipment that will be required for the project, and how this would impact not only the project cost but the ability of the islanders to

actually get on and off the island during construction. I believe that their complete lack of the required technical expertise requires that EU's application be DENIED.

4. FAIR AND EQUITABLE RATES & CHARGES. This is an area where EU has repeatedly failed to provide any evidence that would lead to confidence in their abilities. They initially requested to have the Authorization separated from any information on proposed installation costs or rates. The PSC rightly denied this request. Following this they floated a possible connection fee of \$20,000 per dwelling. It was clear at the time that this was nothing more than a guess they hoped they could get approved because it would likely provide a substantial margin over actual costs. They currently are estimating that the connection fee would be a little over \$13,000 per dwelling unit. Again, this appears to be based on little actual estimation of the cost of the project. I know from my engineering background that even preliminary estimates of costs cannot be made without preliminary designs for the project. EU has no experience in building residential sewage systems, and have not shown that they have contracted with a reputable engineering firm to provide the preliminary design and cost estimates. If they cannot provide **preliminary design and cost documentation from a licensed and reputable engineering firm with experience in this area**, their application must be denied as being based on not much more than guesswork. Because EU has failed to provide any reliable evidence that their cost estimates are based on reasonable engineering projections, their application should be DENIED.

Thank you for your valuable service and for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Best regards,

John C. Ziegert, Ph.D., P.E.

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:23 AM
To: 'Robert Jensen'
Subject: RE: Environmental Utilities Application for Controlling Wastewater on Bridgeless Barrier Islands. Docket #20200226

Dear Mr. Jensen,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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To: clerk@psc.stste.fl.us; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Environmental Utilities Application for Controlling Wastewater on Bridgeless Barrier Islands. Docket #20200226

Dear Commissioners La Rosa, Clark, and Passidomo:

Upon receipt of a letter from Environmental Utilities in July 2021 proposing the installation of sewers on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), Don Pedro Island (DP), and Palm Island (PI), I began an email conversation with Jack Boyer to try to understand his exact concerns for eliminating septic systems from Palm Island and Don Pedro Island. It comes as no surprise that there may be septic system issues on the numerous tiny lots located miles away on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) where Jack Boyer manages the water company.

I am attaching an email correspondence from Mr. Boyer dated January 10, 2022 which confirmed to me that his company is more concerned with the "Density" of homes on small lots specifically on LGI and the fact that 55

gallon drums were used for many septic systems prior to 1983 on LGI. He goes on to state that many of these homes can stay on the 55 gallon drum system. Remember, LGI is miles away from Palm Island and Don Pedro Island where the lots are large enough to accommodate a permitted septic system. As an active realtor on Palm Island and Don Pedro Island, it is a realtor's obligation to investigate permit status of a property's septic system prior to sale. I know of no substandard systems on the PI or DPI.

Mr. Boyer's email also confirmed his thoughts that a better way to manage utilities would be to "create a Not for Profit Utility District as soon as possible.

As I understand, residents of PI and DPI are already undertaking that investigation and need more time.

Therefore, I request that the Commissioners table their decision on Docket #20200226 until the Palm Island and Don Pedro Island Board of Directors complete their work.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Robert Jensen

see EU correspondence dated Jan 10, 2022 below

Jack Boyer

Jan 10, 2022, 4:30 PM (7 days ago)

to me

I will leave the " need" discussion up to the experts.....yet ALL..State and County and DEP are saying there is ! Please realize that FPL is privately owned, Bocilla Utilities is privately owned, Little Gasparilla Island water, privately owned, Comcast, privately owned, the barge for access is privately owned. We can put all the Utilities in the not for profit Utility District with the existing cash flow. Just need a steering committee?

Density, LGI is one of the county's most densely populated areas in the county. PI/DP have water on almost ever lot. Septic in relationships to open water is one of the main criteria along with the age of the system on the Master Sewer Study.

What year was your septic installed and what regulations are you required to follow?

I bought a house built in 1964 and the septic went under water with high tides. Guess what, any house built before 1983 can stay on a 55 gallon drum and we have many of those on the island.

Really would like to continue but probably on the phone or in person. Education on this subject is important.

Again thanks for you time!
Jack @941-626-8294

Sent from Yahoo Mail

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Robert Jensen
Realtor Extraordinaire
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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:22 AM
To: 'Jami Koenig'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Koenig,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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From: Jami Koenig <rojako@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Good afternoon! My name is Jami Koenig. My husband, Ronald, and I are homeowners at 270 N. Gulf Boulevard.. Our homesteaded property is located on Knight Island which lies within the proposed service area of Docket #20200226-SU.

We are longtime homeowners since 1992. We have seen the cost of living here continue to rise including property taxes, MSU/assessments, and basic utilities. (For Bocilla Water Utility alone we are paying \$67/month for 0-3,000 gallons of water whether we use it or not. The high rates and subsequent increases in rates over the years rate increases have been granted without discussion or input from the consumers.) As retirees on fixed income, we remain very focused on eliminating or keeping recurring costs down as much as possible.

The unknown starting costs to the homeowner (infrastructure) and the ongoing costs (and inevitable unreasonable increases) remain a **significant** concern for our household. Costs are not the only concerns that are keeping us awake at

night. Other concerns we share are already clearly laid out in FILED 1/13/2021, DOCUMENT NO. 01217-2021, FPSC - COMMISSION CLERK so I will not duplicate or repeat the information here.

We formerly opposed Jack Boyer's application for sewer utility to the PSC years ago as we were faced with the same concerns. Those concerns that we had then with Mr. Boyer's application, we still have now.

I am formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service.

With all respect and thanks for your consideration,

Jami and Ronald Koenig

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Sent from Mail for Windows

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:21 AM
To: 'Vivian Correa'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Correa,

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From: Vivian Correa <vcorrea@uncc.edu>
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Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

My name is Vivian I. Correa and I own property on Don Pedro Island, 221 Bocilla Dr, Placida, FL 33946. Over the last year, we have learned that the Environmental Utilities (EU) has applied for the contract to install the proposed central sewer on the island. I am writing to STRONGLY object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the application for an Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

My objections include the costs of the proposed installation to include:

- the estimated rate of my monthly residential bill (\$178.78) which is doubled what owners on the mainland pay;

- the costs for me to buy a generator in the event of a power outage;
- the costs to upgrade my main electrical panel;
- the cost to replace the mechanical equipment every 5 years;
- the cost to remove my septic tank;
- and finally and most significantly the estimated hook-up cost of \$13,221!!!!

My objections are not only related to cost but also the fact that EU is NOT a contractor that has ever won a bid to install sewers! I am not confident that EU will be able to manage and maintain this project. There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

Lastly, there are no data to support that our waters are affected by the current septic systems. To that end, no water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise. The risk of a central sewer leak with a subaqueous crossing is greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing leaks.

Therefore, I formally request that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service!

Respectfully,
Vivian I. Correa, Ph.D.

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## Lisa Smith

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** 'Mike Beukema'  
**Subject:** RE: Object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

Dear Mr. Beukema,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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**From:** Mike Beukema <mike@westraconst.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 12:09 PM  
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**Cc:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Palm Island Estates <pie@palmislandestates.org>  
**Subject:** Object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

Good morning Commissioners LaRosa, Clark and Passidomo. My name is Mike Beukema and I have owned a home on Don Pedro / Knight Island for the past 10 years. I am an owner / President of Heavy Civil / Utility Construction Company in Manatee County Florida. My company has been constructing and installing utilities since 1977 thru ought the Southwest Florida. We have completed several contracts for Florida County municipalities to upgrade and convert the failed private utility companies' infrastructure and incorporate them into their own successfully and properly run systems. As a tax payer I believe that our utilities and infrastructure are best suited to be owned and operated by our local municipalities.

The project that I am concerned about is the Don Pedro / Knight Island Central Sewer project. Docket #20200226-SU. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for the wastewater services for the centralized sewer. My concerns and reasoning for my request to deny EU's application are as listed below:

- I believe that a project of this size, magnitude and environmental impacts should be run by an experienced municipal owner with the financial and technical experience necessary to maintain and operate the facilities per all of the DEP, EAP and all other governing entities current requirements and regulations. 100% of the low-pressure force mains, vacuum sewer systems and gravity sewer systems that my company has install over the past 45 year were all for our local municipalities: Manatee Co., City of Bradenton, Sarasota Co., City of Sarasota, Pinellas Co., City of St. Pete., City of Clearwater, City of Tampa, Hillsborough Co., City of Orlando, City of Zolfo Springs, Englewood Water District and City of Cape Coral. Municipal owners have the financial ability and the technical expertise to run and operate their extensive facilities and do so at a fair and equitable rate to the consumer/stakeholders were as I don't believe that EU has the financial ability nor the technical expertise to own and operate such a large facility/infrastructure project.
- The uncertainty of the hookup costs for the homeowners.
- The need for additional electrical work or a separate electrical panel cost.
- The need for a backup generator to ensure that sewage does not back up during an outage.
- The applicant has not addressed a system maintenance and emergency plan. Were as all municipalities are required to have and do so already in place.
- Finally, the environmental impact concern. The Island is truly a slice of old Florida. With its gopher tortoises and native Florida habitat and fauna it is a true gem. This project would potential impact all of that. There will be potential need for tree removal for the installation of the system along with the need for new easements from the residents.

Thank you for your service and your time and also your consideration of my request to deny EU's application Docket #20200226-SU.

Sincerely,

Mike Beukema

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:20 AM  
**To:** 'Brian Fredley'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU - Objection to Proposal - PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system

Dear Mr. Fredley,

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**From:** Brian Fredley <bfredley@bpfdesign.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU - Objection to Proposal - PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system

Commissioner Clark,

Hope you are well,

I am the property owner at 311 Bocilla Drive located on Bocilla or Don Pedro Island in Charlotte County, FL.

I also am the CEO of a Florida Architecture Firm for the last 25 years and clearly understand the application being proposed by Environment Utilities, LLC. For a centralized wastewater sewer system.

We strongly oppose the application for a central sewer by EU, LLC for our small community that currently uses septic systems. We are zoned BBI (Bridges and Barrier Islands) with the intention of the Land Development Code that these

are protected lands for single family residential exclusively. We have sand roads, natural vegetation and wildlife that live in harmony on this island with septic being used as the least impact to the environment. We don't need to invite more development, rezoning attempts or further destruction of these protected lands.

Our septic systems meet the permitting requirements for the state DEP and Charlotte county and provide the services we need, even during power outages. There is no downside for allowing this remote delicate environmental community to continue to operate on permit complying septic systems that offer the least impact to the environment.

The developer that wants to provide centralized sewer cannot provide accurate project cost information or determine the impact to the environment. Most of the lots on this island are already built-out and there are very few new septic systems that still need to be installed to reach 100% capacity.

The proposal to install central sewer does not make any sense other than personal financial gain by the developer. We should not allow this developer (EU, LLC) to build a project for their personal goals and profits. They do not have the financial ability or technical expertise to do this project. They are not proposing a fair and equitable rate or hook up projection in their proposal. Finally, their proposal for shallow sewer will force requirements of lift stations, generators and additional electrical capacity that neither the community nor the resident properties have at this time. This will be an continuous maintenance problem in the future that will not have an ending. This is a poorly designed system and proposal that will force barrier island trees to be removed, equipment to be installed and electrical upgrades to be made that is totally unnecessary.

The All of the residents maintain their septic systems or replace when necessary by code criteria. Our property septic system was just replaced in May and was permitted and inspected with Charlotte County.

**We are formally requesting that the PSC deny the EU's application for wastewater services; especially as proposed.** Giving a private developer this approval of a poorly designed sewer system without jurisdiction oversight and bonding requirements is "unprecedented". Providing easement rights of private properties for a problematic system that is not wanted or needed, should not be allowed.

We call on you to make the right decision in this case, we have so few protected barrier islands in Florida and we need to protect what we have left.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have on my cell phone 386/212-9206

With kind regards, Brian



Brian P. Fredley, President

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:19 AM  
**To:** 'Accon Marine'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Ring,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you over the past few months, both in person at our service hearings, and through the countless emails I have received. I want to stress how valuable the customer perspective is to me. Tomorrow the parties in this case will be filing briefs, laying out their arguments, and we are scheduled to make a decision the morning of Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our monthly Agenda Conference. If you would like to watch the Agenda Conference you may go to FloridaPSC.com, where it will be live streamed.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Clark  
Commissioner  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 413-6038

**From:** Accon Marine <erica@acconmarine.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 10:54 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

As a homeowner on Palm Island, I am writing to you to formally request that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service on the island. The main reason for our opposition is that it will not be optional for homeowners to hook up to the sewer, causing homeowners tens of thousands of dollars in mandatory costs. This includes a massive hook-up fee, as well as fees for an electrician to come hook everything up. In addition, salt air takes a heavy toll on mechanical and electrical equipment here. Equipment will need replacing when it fails, possibly at 5-year intervals. This proposal places too much responsibility on the homeowner at too great a cost. Our home has a brand new septic tank that we just had installed, at a very large cost. We prefer to stay on septic.

Also, the power goes out quite frequently on the island, and it is our understanding that the sewer grinder pump will not be able to function for very long without power, which could cause sewage backups.

We are also concerned that with the addition of sewer, developers will come in and ruin the quaint little island we all know and love. We have enough Clearwater/Miami/Daytona/Panama City beaches in Florida. Please help us keep the "old Florida" vibe on the island that we all know and love.

Best Regards,  
Erica Ring

470 N Gulf  
Placida, FL

## Lisa Smith

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** 'Kathysickles'  
**Subject:** RE: EU application for wastewater service docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Sickles,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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From: Kathysickles <kathysickles@optonline.net>  
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 10:47 AM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
Subject: EU application for wastewater service docket #20200226-SU

My name is Kathleen Sickles and I am the owner of property on Don Pedro Island, 130 Kettle Harbor Drive.

I am formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service For the following reasons:  
-The potential expenses to homeowners on the island verses those in the county on the mainland -The unknown expenses for the project -Being retired, this will be a financial burden in all areas of development -The expertise of EU is questionable -Environmental concerns

Please consider the above  
Thank you,

Kathleen Sickles

Kathysickles@optonline.net

Sent from my iPad

## Lisa Smith

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** 'eap'  
**Subject:** RE:

Dear Ms. Pyle,

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**From:** eap <eileenap@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:**

I am writing this letter to strongly object to the proposal of a central water system on Palm Island. I am asking you to please deny the Application for Original Certification of Authorization. Thank you for your concern.

Eileen Pyle  
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Placida, FL. 33946

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