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Good afternoon Peter Stimmel,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and outreach.

Thank you

Yvette Gillespie

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RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Clerk of the Commission

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed sewage project on Palm Island. As a contractor in Colorado, I bid on and won both city and federal government projects. We were provided extensive blue prints and spec sheets. There was always a minimum of 3 bidders. The winner was vetted and bonded. Having one bidder on what sounds like an unusual, far-from-standard project gives me pause. Cost, guarantees and qualification in similar projects should all be taken into consideration.

The islanders were all but unanimous in rejecting Mr. Jack Boyer dba Environmental Utilities LLC and this project just last year. I have never met the man but in my 7+ years living on the island full-time, I have never heard a positive word said about him. Most of the negativity comes from a water project on LGI that sounded like some questionable steps were taken, leading to an arrest. Have water quality tests been completed identifying the need for a new system in light of the fact that very few residents live on the island year-round (most being 2nd and 3rd homes with occasional weekenders)? Has a study been done as to the reliability of a pump and suction sewer system in other locations?

It seems a lot more questions need to be answered before the bidding process should be reopened to contractors qualified to guarantee such a system. Since we, the islanders, will bear the brunt of the cost and inconvenience of such a project, we deserve more research to be done and more information provided. When a community spends well over \$100,000 fighting a project like last year, I believe our concerns are real and should be considered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Stimmel