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Subject: FW: Docket #20240032-SU

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Good Morning, Sharon Roth.

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!

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Hi, my name is Sharon Roth and I own a home at 40 Gasparilla Way Placida FI 33946 on Don Pedro Island. I have attached a letter that you deny the application for central sewer system by EU.

Thank You, Sharon Roth sroth61@verizon.net

FLORIDA PSC

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Dear Commissioner,

My name is Sharon Roth and I own 40 Gasparilla Way on Don Pedro Island. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny the EU's application for wastewater server. I am concerned that the issue of the central sewer system is being reviewed again. I am against this as I was a couple of years ago for the same reasons. I will list some of the reasons for concern.

Our islands are in a rural service area which mandates on site septic systems to reduce development.

There is no quality water testing proving that it is needed, and the project would have the potential of destruction of natural habitat for endangered gopher turtles.

The islands are not easy to access during weather emergencies which with a central sewer system would cause environmental impacts that our current septic systems would not.

Our island has ferry access which is utilized about to it maximum, and it was after lan and Little Gasparilla has no scheduled means of access for large equipment. This would be a major nightmare for several years for something that is not needed or necessary for a private company to make a fortune on the people of the barrier islands.

Most homes on the islands are part time residence or vacation rentals and do not have the sewer load that a full-time residence does on the mainland.

The rates that a proposed for service are excessive. I owed a home in the Florida Keys up to last year and my Quarterly water and sewer bills averaged \$400. Our base water on the island is over \$70.00 per month and the proposed sewer bill is estimated at \$200.00 per month. We don't need another private company charging us exorbitant rates.

The person involved in this is also the owner of the water company on Little Gasparilla and has difficulty operating it and has no experience in a central sewer system.

The cost of this to the residence of the island are excessive and most of the islander have not even recovered fully from the impact of hurricane Ian. If the system would be install there is numerous cost that aren't even address such as longevity of some of the system due to the exposed environment, the upgrades that may need to be made at the homes for the installs, what needs to be done for loss of electricity so there are no spills (doesn't happen with septic systems).

It is time for this to be tabled and put your energy into an area that a central sewer system is needed and would benefit the people and not a few that just want to make money.

Thank You.

Sharon Roth

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