

Charlie Smith

From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 2:36 PM
To: 'Lynn Provost'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Jeff and Lynn Provost,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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Property Owner on Don Pedro Island, 121 Bocilla Dr.
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We are writing to formally request PSC to deny the Environmental Utilities application for wastewater service. Please consider the following:

- There has not been an official study with comprehensive data to illustrate the need for this.
- Being that we live on a bridge less, barrier island, after a catastrophic event like Hurricane Ian, we were the last to receive power reconnection after the storm. Had this type of sewer system been in place at that time, it would have not been functional without electricity hence homeowners would not have been

able to return home for an extended period of time. The traditional gravity fed systems that are in place on the island can still function without the necessity of power.

- If Charlotte Counties reasoning for allowing this application to be considered is truly for environmental purposes they should consider a completely different type of system such as the Advantex Wastewater Treatment Systems. We have attached a link to their web site for your information. <https://www.orenco.com/products/treatment-systems> Advantex is a very environmentally sound product and is ideal for small sites and environmentally sensitive areas. These units are dependable, proven technology for treating residential septic tank effluent to better-than-secondary standards, including nitrogen-reduction. I (Jeff) have personally been involved with the installation of several of these systems with my business and personal residences in Vermont where the soils are very poor and environmental guidelines are extremely restrictive. This type of system could be incorporated for new construction projects and replacement systems to make the change over time.
- There definitely should be some scrutiny on the fact of conflict of interest between our County Commissioner, Bill Truex being personal friends with the applicant, Jack Boyer.
- I (Jeff) have had communications with Jack Boyer during his prior application process for this same purpose. It is very clear that he does not have the desire or the structure in place to perform the project. His goal is simply to obtain the rights to do the project and then set his price to sell the rights to the highest bidder.
- The situation has gotten worse since Hurricane Ian with regard to the financial impact of rising insurance and inflation of property taxes over the past several years. If the County is requiring a sewage treatment system be put in place, they should assume some of the obligation versus putting the entire burden on the property owners and ridding themselves of a project of this magnitude.

Thank you for consideration and reviewing our concerns and thoughts on this application.

Regards,

Jeff & Lynn Provost

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