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**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Walter "Buzz" Mallett.

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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Dear Commissioners.

My name is Walter Mallett. I own property on Knight Island at 26 Palm Dr., Placida, FL, 33946.

I am writing to formally object to Environmental Utilities application for wastewater services in our area.

My objection is based on the same reasoning as the last time they applied: the need simply isn't there. I am currently building a small house at the above mentioned address. I opted to install a Fuji Advanced Treatment System instead of the traditional gravity system because I think it is in the best interest of the environment, in spite of the increased cost. There is no hard science that I have found that shows that properly designed and

functioning septic systems are contributing to the degradation of water quality in Lemon Bay, Charlotte Harbor or the Gulf of Mexico.

The point has been raised that Charlotte County is now behind the EU application. I believe the the state and local support of central sewer is good “optics” but not necessarily sound “science”. As you are aware, scientific opinions vary greatly depending on which side of the fence they want to support. If the need is so compelling, why hasn’t the county enacted a requirement to require advanced systems (like has been done in many areas) or a building moratorium (as has been done also)? I believe water degradation from septic systems is quite minimal (if any) when compared to golf courses, population growth, mining and agricultural runoff. But it is the “low hanging fruit” and it’s a lot easier to go after individual property owners than it is to take on the lobbyists of the real polluters.

I object to this project for other reasons as well. There is no financing to help people make the transition. In my case, after spending around \$25,000 for my Fuji system, I would have to come up with another \$15,000 or so and have a \$250/mo bill forever. That would force me to sell and move. Of course, there is a mandatory hookup, even for a brand new advanced system, with no exceptions.

There are many other reasons to deny this application, including the track record of the applicant, environmental impacts; it’s a long list that I’m sure will be covered by my neighbors.

In summary, please deny this application. It is simply not based on a need for service.

Respectfully submitted,

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