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Good Afternoon, George Pettengill.

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!

Toni Hover

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Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

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Attached, please find my letter requesting you deny the Environmental Utilities, LLC application for installing central sewer on the Charlotte County islands of Knight, Don Pedro, and Little Gasparilla.

Respectfully,
George Pettengill
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Sent from my iPad

Public Service Commission
RE:Docket 20240032-SU

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the application Environmental Utilities, LLC has submitted to install central sewer on the bridge-less barrier islands consisting of Knight, Don Pedro, and Little Gasparilla Islands in Charlotte County. As you are aware, this is not the first time Environmental Utilities, LLC has submitted an application for this project. As a potentially impacted party, I attended the earlier Public Service Commission Technical Hearing held on February 8th, 2022. The docket number for that hearing was 20200226. I've reviewed my notes from that hearing, and would like to restate some of the key items that came out. To the best of my knowledge, none of the items presented in 2022 have changed:

- No one has asked for a sewer system to be installed on the islands.
- No one has demonstrated a need for a sewer system on the islands.
- Coastal Residence & Preservation & Barrier Island Overlay District are against any Charlotte County expansion to the bridge-less barrier islands.
- The 2017 Charlotte County sewer plan does not include converting the bridge-less barrier islands from septic to sewer.
- Mr. Boyer's experience with wastewater is over 30 years old, and is not applicable to this situation. He's counting on his experience with his public water system to easily transfer to waste water.
- Mr. Boyer is a layperson with no waste water license.
- There has been no mandated construction of a waste water facility on the islands by Charlotte County.
- There is no guarantee Environmental Utilities will be able to obtain the easements necessary for the project.
- Sandy roads in the velocity zone and coastal construction control zone make it not ideal for installation.
- Sewer project is contrary to the growth management and future land use policy defined in the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.
- No Environmental Utilities financing had been secured.
- Estimated cost was 3 to 5 years old, and was thought to be well under estimated.

In addition to the items from the meeting, I would also like to remind the Commissioners that the area in question was heavily damaged during Hurricane Ian. Many of the island residents have had to lay out significant funds to restore their property, and restoration efforts are far from over. Now is not the time to add additional financial burden for something that islanders do not want, and for which there is no demonstrated need. I hope you will take this input into consideration, and deny Environmental Utilities' application to install a central sewer system on the islands.

Thank you for your time.

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