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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:42 AM
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Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning Gary and Robyn Richardson,

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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My wife (Robyn) and I oppose the approval of Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) application to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the installation of central sewer on Don Pedro Island.

Our biggest concern is the applicant: Environmental Utilities LLC. On paper, EU simply does not have the experience on similar projects to be successful. Off paper, the EU principals have a bad reputation in the area for previous failed ventures.

- Need for Service. There has been no evidence provided that supports a need for service in the proposed service area. Expert witnesses at the last Administrative Hearing refuted the arguments that EU put forward supporting the need for service.
- Environmental. No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
- The Costs. The costs of central sewer are quite considerable at a very bad time for Islanders. Many are still engaged with fighting their insurance companies for settlements from Hurricane Ian and have had to lay out large sums for their re-builds while they wait for compensation. Some owners have just paid deep-pocket sums to install new septic systems at their newly built or re-built homes. Many property owners simply do not have the resources available to convert from septic to sewer.

Please do not approve the application.

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