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To: Commissioner Correspondence
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Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: S Ahrens <mrsahrens18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:50 AM
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Commissioners,

My name is Sandra Ahrens and I live at 270 Kettle Harbor on Don Pedro Island.

My husband and I live on the island year round.

I am writing this letter to inform you that we do not want to tie into a central sewer system. It is also my understanding that there is a general consensus over the entire island.

We have a perfectly working septic system. We pay attention to take care of it properly. We do not see any future issues with it, however if there were any issues we would still prefer to pay and have the issues resolved or updated on our own with companies of our choosing versus tying into an island sewer system.

Aside from the exorbitant costs associated with the system, I feel that #1 we should have a right to choose to connect or keep with what we have. It is my understanding that Environmental Utilities is a private company and would require all residents to tie in. I believe that's in order to make it beneficial for the company to bring the line to us. I see no benefit to island residents.

#2 Environmental reasons.... Everyone on our island loves our environment, wildlife habitats, and marine life. We have to get permits to do everything in or around the water, I recently acquired a permit to put in a dock which involved several different government agencies inspection for grasses, mangroves, and other aquatic life in my canal. I can't imagine how this sewer project could pass - putting a sewer pipe underground through the intracoastal. Dolphins, manatees, and loads of other sealife will be disrupted for years due to killing grasses, digging mud, and construction equipment. And that is just if everything goes as planned with no spills or contamination which would be catastrophic to our area waters, our property values, and on and on. There would also be great disruption to the daily boat traffic for the construction of such a project.

I am sure you are all getting a lot of letters from concerned homeowners on our island. Please take our (the island residents) concerns seriously and please take all of our letters into consideration.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ahrens

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