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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 8:04 AM
To: 'David Cohen'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning David Cohen,

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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To the FLPSC,

My name is David Cohen and I live, full time, at 8 Pointe Way, Don Pedro Island. This location is within the area proposed for service by this application. My phone number is 201-600-1450 and I would be happy to have a polite conversation about this matter if you so desire. I have had a residence on the island since 1990.

I am writing to ask that you deny EU's application for wastewater service.

At this time, a sewer system, any sewer system, would not be a public service. Rather it would in fact be a public disservice.

As I am sure you know, the proposed system does not actually do away with septic tanks. Instead, sections of smaller tanks would still hold solids and need regular pump outs. The liquids would be pumped out, being consolidated along the way to one of the Charlotte county treatment centers. However, the nitrates and phosphates are not currently being treated at the collection center that would be used. Further, there is no current plan to update the collection center in question to become an advanced water treatment (AWT) plant.

What does this mean?

- The proposed sewer system would collect and concentrate liquid waste and have it turned into grey water containing the very chemical that the systems is purported to be removing from the island (never actually tested for here on our islands).
- This grey water would then be used to water golf courses and lawns, themselves being fertilized, thus actually adding to the problem that septic to sewer is supposed to be addressing.
- The collection process itself allows for major spills when pipes break due to construction, road repair, major weather event that effect our sand roads and other causes. These sand roads are unique to our island.
- Sarasota County, literally just up the road, has stopped septic to sewer efforts until the collection centers being connected to are converted to AWT plants.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cohen
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