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SUBJECT: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

TO:

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To the Clerk and Commissioners of the Public Service Commission:

My name is Robin Madden, and I am a resident of Knight Island at 64 Tarpon Way and on Don Pedro Island at 330 S Gulf Blvd, which is my business address on the island.

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed application to establish central sewer in the service area inclusive of Knight Island and Don Pedro Island (collectively, "the Island").

I have lived on the Island since 2004 and have been the owner/operator of Islander Properties real estate agency since 2007. My local business opened the door for my active involvement with the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce, the Englewood Area Board of Realtors and Charlotte County Tourist Development Committee. In addition, Islander Properties provides real estate and rental management services which connects me to many property owners within the service area, as does my position on the Board of Directors for Colony Don Pedro I, II, III Property owners Association.

My objections to the certification of the proposed service area are as follows:

- 1. The Island is a unique slice of "old Florida" in its lifestyle, natural environment and low-density development. If approved, this project threatens everything that makes our home distinctive. The installation will involve years of ripping up our sand roads, interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise and destroying the natural habitat that we all value. Once the digging begins, we can never recover what we have now.
- 2. There is no proven need for this service. EU has raised environmental arguments in an attempt to justify the devastating impacts that the execution of this plan would bring. But they have provided no evidence of substance that a widespread issue exists that needs to be remedied.

In view of these and additional objections that have been voiced to the Public Service Commission, I am formally requesting that you deny EU's application and close the docket.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robin Madden

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