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From: Jenae Thornberry **On Behalf Of** Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:14 AM
To: 'JeanPaul Jenack' <spindrifter@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Morning John C. Jenack,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032-SU, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you.

Jenae Thornberry

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To the Commissioners of the Public Service Commission:

My name is John Jenack and I am a full-time resident and owner of two properties on Don Pedro Island. I am writing to you to register my opposition to the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) to provide wastewater services to a service area inclusive of Don Pedro Island.

My specific objections include:

1. **No Demonstrated Need.** The County adopted the 2017 Sewer Master Plan which includes these Islands for sewer executed by CCUD (Charlotte County Utilities Dept.). No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. Amid allegations of nitrogen pollutants in our inland and shore waters, there was no study to determine if they exist and if so whether they were coming from leaky sewage tanks or from fertilizers. Therefore, the assumption that the alleged pollution is emanating from septic tanks is a false one, as is the assumptions made about the presumed ages of the tanks.
2. **Environmental Impacts:** The proposed project is on a bridgeless barrier island with unique characteristics that have not been addressed in this application. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise. The sensitive environment will affect the cost and feasibility of the project. There is no indication that stakeholder agencies such as the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Florida State Parks, The Florida Submerged Land Trust, or Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) have been consulted. Plans appear to include a subaqueous crossing under a waterway required to access many homes on the island. DEP permits would be required for destruction of flats and mangroves; FWC approvals would be necessary for destruction of endangered and threatened species habitat. None of these issues have been addressed, and these are only a few of them. The acquisition of easements has not been addressed in EU's application. The question of who will oversee the construction through sensitive and protected habitat has not been addressed. The financial costs of this type of project, e.g. affecting threatened species and protected wetlands and shorelines, have not been addressed.

For these and other reasons, I am requesting that you deny Environmental Utilities' application for certification of this wastewater service area. Thank you for your consideration.

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