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**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Morning Lindsey O'Brien

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.

Thank you

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Environmental Utilities Sewer application currently under review. My husband Matt and I bought property on Don Pedro Island in 2021. We were excited to focus on a dream that highlights natural Florida beauty, tranquility, and independence.

After thoroughly reviewing the application, the hearings, and the information provided, I believe this request for service is both unnecessary and unjustified and will put our dream at risk. It is also clear that we are not alone in this feeling; there is a lack of support for the proposal, with many local residents from the barrier islands, mainland Charlotte County, and others all voicing opposition.

Among my concerns the key are:

- **Inexperienced Private Company:** I do not believe a private utility company, especially one with no experience in wastewater services, should be entrusted with managing such a critical function. I am worried about the potential for unpredictable and uncontrollable increases in monthly service fees they may implement.
- **Underbid Cost Estimates:** The cost estimates provided for the sewage hookup appear to be significantly understated, which raises doubts about their planning, budgeting, and project management capabilities. My concern as an owner is the inevitable overages will impact my own household budget in an unmanageable way.
- **Uncertain Environmental Impacts:** The application lacks sufficient evidence of any adverse effects on the surrounding waterways or natural habitats. After witnessing the minimal damage to septic systems on Little Gasparilla, Don Pedro, and Knight Island following Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton, I can attest that septic systems continued to operate as intended the very next day. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Boca Grande's sewage facility and other surrounding systems, which failed due to power outages. I do not see sufficient reassurance that this will be beneficial to our local ecosystem.

These concerns, among others, are why I am firmly opposed to this application and similar future proposals. I respectfully urge you to oppose the project as well.

I greatly appreciate the vital role that our County Commissioners and public servants play in shaping our community's future. I sincerely hope that you will honor the public's wishes and reject the Environmental Utilities sewer application.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Lindsey O'Brien