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Dear Sir:

I am writing to object to the wastewater service application submitted by Island Environmental Utility, Inc. I am a property owner on Knight Island and a full time resident.

Part II, A. of the application states that the lots are generally too small to allow each to have potable water well and septic tank. The majority of the lots are developed with existing septic systems that have been approved by the county. Water is available from private wells, rainwater cisterns and through an existing water utility company. This wastewater service is not needed for the majority of property owners.

The interests of the parties to this application stand to benefit because it allows the future development of certain lots or parcels of land that are difficult to develop because of septic restrictions.

I do not begrudge a business opportunity, but it is my understanding that under Florida law owners with existing septic systems must hook up to the sewer system within one year the service becomes available. The majority of property owners have huge investments in existing septic systems. If this service was voluntary or allowed for a transition from septic to sewer as properties are sold, I would not object.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,


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