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Director, Division of Records & Reporting  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
RE: Island Environmental Utility  
8/16/2002 Notice of Application for Wastewater Certificate -- Docket #020745-SU

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally state my objection to the proposed wastewater utility and sewage treatment facility by Island Environmental Utility, Inc.

I object to this application for the following reasons:

1. It is my understanding that all of the newer **septic systems currently in place on our islands have already been approved** by the county, and are designed and installed in the most environmentally correct way that is available at this time. There is no evidence of pollutants contaminating the islands, and there is little risk to the water supply unless rapid development, beyond that already planned for, occurs.
  2. There is **no current need for an island-based community wastewater utility**, unless the specific objective is to increase the rate, volume and areas of development on the islands. In effect, the proposed wastewater utility would be creating the very problem which it proposes to solve, and will only benefit the commercial interests involved – while having a potentially disastrous negative impact on both the current island residents and the sensitive barrier island ecology.
  3. The lack of infrastructure on the islands (roads, bridges, etc.) **cannot support continued rapid development** of the islands, and will result in skyrocketing taxes to island residents for development and services that only benefit the business interests involved.
  4. It is unthinkable to have a sewage treatment plant located on a fragile barrier island that Charlotte County claims to be a great natural resource. The stench would potentially make whole portions of the island and its beaches unpleasant or uninhabitable. And the site would create the **very-real danger of an environmental disaster** in the future if there are faulty controls, installation problems, poor management or sloppy maintenance, or even natural disasters such as floods or hurricanes.
  5. The rights of island residents – who have complied with all past county regulations in installing expensive septic systems – will be take away: once the proposed wastewater utility is in place, if the new plant is disabled for any reason the County will be empowered to condemn all properties for lack of sewage treatment. The residents **all currently have county-approved systems** – this project will take away that approval, put the fate of their homes in someone else's hands, and charge them a great deal to do it. This is **WRONG**.
6. The additional expense to both hook up to the new utility and properly disable the septic systems is an **unfair burden to the property owners** on the island, particularly those who have new homes and only recently installed state-of-the-art septic systems, to comply with stringent county codes.

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In sum, I most strongly object to this application and would urge that the Commission reject the proposal.

Yours truly,

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