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RE: DOCKET # 020745-SU

Dear Sir:

This is to respond to your recent letter to my attention concerning above docket, advising procedural steps for obtaining additional information and pursuing legal action.

Please note that my name is not listed as an interested party (as noted in your letter), nor your web site, and my August 26, 2002 letter does not appear along with those of other letters from private citizens.

Quite frankly, there is insufficient information available on your web site to permit our reaching a pro or con decision. Specifically, I would like to obtain the following information to reach a definitive position.

1. How much will installation of sewers cost me? One time hook-up charge plus monthly fees if any? A range of estimates would suffice.

2. What happens to my current system?

3. Who pays to change over from current septic hook-up to new system? How much is this cost?

4. What impact does this have on our tax base (i.e. is it added as an improvement and subject to additional taxation?

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5. What damages/destruction to my property will occur as part of this new installation? We have concrete driveways and professional landscaping ....will these be destroyed/impacted? If so, who will pay for these losses?

6. How much natural vegetation, roadways, rights of way will be impacted? Does the DEP/Division of Natural Resources have an overview power on the project to prevent permanent long term damages to our ecological balance?

7. What pollution of air and/or smells will be created from the plant and how will they be monitored for compliance with existing / new regulations?

8. What is the timetable for the project from start to end? If approved on 1/1/03, when would the hook-ups start? Is it months of road destruction so vehicles can't pass? How will it be phased by main streets on the island?

9. What are the exact locations of the new facilities and how will they be hidden from view?

Obviously, you may not have 100% accurate information to respond to the foregoing. However, you must have best guesstimates to offer. The points on costs should be readily available since they would be key to any business model for utilities.

Given factual responses to the foregoing questions, it would appear that all involved parties would be in a better position to determine if they should support the project or join against its implementation.

Separately, it would appear that the Public Service Commission and/or the appropriate County authority should be taking immediate action to prevent continued pollution of our waterways. Specifically, (1) Testing of every existing septic system located 75' to 100' from a waterway using dyes. Many towns up North located along the New York Watershed had their septic systems tested by the DEP (mandatory). Those that failed had to be replaced. The odds are quite good that there are many existing systems today that are polluting - why not fix these now?

(2) New construction within 50' of any waterway should have 100% reserve fields, landward, in case of primary system failure. The County has the power to regulate these systems.

This is a very complicated and significant project that requires educational information to evaluate. We look forward to receipt of this information.

Respectfully,



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