

Antonia Hover

From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:54 PM
To: 'Linda Sutter'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Palm Island Sewer

Good Afternoon, Ms. Sutter.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: Linda Sutter <sutterlinda105@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 6:31 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Palm Island Sewer

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a owner on Don Pedro Island, which is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC ("EU") for central sewer.

I object to EU's request for the bifurcation of the certificate and rate-making proceedings and I object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rule 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q).

Of primary concern are:

- the inadequate information regarding the applicant's financial strength;
- the lack of adequate management experience;
- the failure to disclose any (either construction or ongoing maintenance) costs (other than an admitted guess that the construction cost to be paid by each homeowner will be at least \$20,000 each);
- the lack of third party studies or sufficient documentation evidencing the need for the project;
- the anticipated use of a system acknowledged to be of lesser quality than other alternative systems;
- the environmental impact of the system to threatened species and shorelines (the proposed pumping plant will sit to the east of the wooden bridge and the entire system will run through mangrove protected shoreline through flats and waterways which are home to protected species);
- the failure of the applicant to disclose financial and/or business relationships which may represent conflicts of interest;
- the lack of resident support for the project; and
- no documented (nor perceived) benefit for the environment, residents or stakeholders other than the profits of the applicant.

We are a small island community and the proposed project is an overreach (and arguably unnecessary); the community deserves the opportunity to have greater transparency and the chance to be more fully informed of the need and alternatives which might be available. As a stakeholder in the proposed service area, it is important to have all of the relevant information regarding the actual need for the proposed central sewer, as well as the proposed rates, connection fees and the type of system intended for installation.

I therefore request that EU's request for bifurcation and a temporary waiver be denied.

Yours truly,

Linda Sutter, Palm Island Owner at Colony Don Pedro