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**From:** Jacob Veauhn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:40 AM  
**To:** 'Vivian Correa'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Vivian I. Correa, Ph.D.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket 20200226, and the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach will be notified.

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**From:** Vivian Correa <vcorrea@uncc.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 1:18 PM  
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**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

My name is Vivian I. Correa and I own property on Don Pedro Island, 221 Bocilla Dr, Placida, FL 33946. Over the last year, we have learned that the Environmental Utilities (EU) has applied for the contract to install the proposed central sewer on the island. I am writing to **STRONGLY** object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the application for an Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

My objections include the costs of the proposed installation to include:

- the estimated rate of my monthly residential bill (\$178.78) which is doubled what owners on the mainland pay;
- the costs for me to buy a generator in the event of a power outage;
- the costs to upgrade my main electrical panel;
- the cost to replace the mechanical equipment every 5 years;
- the cost to remove my septic tank;
- and finally and most significantly the estimated hook-up cost of \$13,221!!!!

My objections are not only related to cost but also the fact that EU is NOT a contractor that has ever won a bid to install sewers! I am not confident that EU will be able to manage and maintain this project. There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

Lastly, there are no data to support that our waters are affected by the current septic systems. To that end, no water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise. The risk of a central sewer leak with a subaqueous crossing is greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing leaks.

**Therefore, I formally request that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service!**

Respectfully,  
Vivian I. Correa, Ph.D.

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