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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Docket # 20200226-SU 45 Bayshore Circle Placida, FL. Shawn Rae

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20200226.

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Dear Commissioner Clark,

I am formally requesting that the PSC deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed central sewer system by Environmental Utilities LLC (EU). As a property owner, resident, as well as having spent my 40 year career in the Water and Wastewater industry, it is painfully apparent that there are many issues with EU's proposal to take on this project.

As a Mechanical Engineer by degree, Auburn University, as well as my experience in supplying materials to Cities, Counties, Municipalities, and contractors in the construction of water and sewer projects, EU's proposal is lacking in detailed true maintenance cost, without any real estimating backing. EU's has never undertaken a real sewer project of this magnitude, with environmentally sensitive subaqueous Intercostal Waterway sewer force main crossing. EU's states they will get the loans in place and financing? Where is the bond protection, where is the bidding process for a qualified, licensed contractor? Do they have any plan's for power outage? Pump failures? Storm damage? True qualified staffing with realistic compensation? No.

Environmental Utilities is using a general study done for the county years ago. Has there been any recent, last 2 – 3 years, study, water samples, taken in and around Don Pedro, Knights Island, Little Gasparilla for water quality to justify the need for this project. Our Island is very sparsely populated, and most residents are part timers, not using their septic systems. As Islanders, if we are truly contributing to water quality issue's impacting our local waters, we will be behind proper resolution. Certainly including going on a properly constructed, maintained sewer collection system, properly financed, and maintained by a proven provider.

We are asking that the commission not permit a company that cannot demonstrate any experience in the construction and maintenance of a complex wastewater system be permitted to follow thru on this application. Pumping treated water to a house is very simple. Constructing a sewer system, with pump stations on everyone's property, installing

subaqueous pipelines that can pollute miles of a fragile ecosystem is a totally different undertaking. We beg your deep consideration not allowing this proposal to be considered.

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