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Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20200226.

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We are formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service.

We have been homeowners on Don Pedro Island for 20 years, having built our house on Adele Way in 2002. We and all our fellow islanders live on this pristine island oasis. Our home is on the Gulf of Mexico and meandering behind our house is the water inlet into Bocilla Lagoon from the Intercoastal Island. You can see to the bottom where schools of fish and crabs abound and one of the favorite past times of islanders and visitors is fishing off one of the two bridges connecting Knight and Don Pedro islands.

Our community of homeowners take the environment very seriously and there has been a Bocilla Islands Conservancy since 2003. Incidentally, in 2003 a developer wanted to come and build higher elevation condos and promoted a sewer. The homeowners successfully got the County Commission to agree to our position and kept our island the low-rise density it still is.

All islanders take their septic tanks very seriously, making sure they are inspected and pumped on a regular basis.

Many of us on the island have had experience with the Boyers through a myriad of their businesses and many were unsuccessful relationships. Their plan would cost homeowners thousands of dollars not just in hooking up to their system but the additional demands of generators, expensive additions to electrical panels and destruction to existing lawns and irrigation systems that would have to be replaced.

As I mentioned generators, we just investigated the addition of a generator and was told it would have to be elevated, five feet from any window and the propane tank buried fifteen feet away from the house. And if you are a beachfront owner you must go to the State DEP for approval, an expensive and very timely process. We have been waiting eleven months to get a new survey of our property.

Our position is if you force this on us, the project **MUST** go out to bid as you would be required to do with any major project. You cannot take the easy way out with something of this magnitude. That is what the Commission did with our water system, allowing a middleman to make his buck rather than the County hook us up to the Englewood Water District.

If I was one of these new homeowners that just put in a very expensive septic system, I would be incensed at the actions you want to take where there is obviously not the need. If the Commission thinks we are ready for sewer it's the County's job to properly bid it out, not take the easy way out with the Boyers.

We invite each and everyone of you to visit our islands and see the water quality where nature abounds.

Andrew & Julie Nichols