

Lisa Smith

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Docket #20200226-SU; Docket 20200226-SU; docket #20200266-SU; Docket #20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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From: joe.oto@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Records Clerk
Cc: joe.oto@comcast.net
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Joe Noto and I live at 181 N. Gulf Blvd. #10, Placida, Florida 33946 on Palm Island. Please read my numerous concerns below and so that you understand why **I strongly oppose the central sewer system as proposed by Environmental Utilities.**

1. I do not see the need for this service at this time.
 - a. No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for a central sewer system.
 - b. This project could very easily have a negative impact on, and interfere with the habitat of endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
 - c. The risk of a central sewer leak into the intercoastal waterway seems greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing leaks.
2. I am concerned about the ability of Environmental Utilities to financially handle this project, and adequately maintain such a system.
 - a. I have not been provided any information about the financial history, stability or viability of Environmental Utilities and their management team.
3. I am also concerned as to whether Environmental Utilities has the technical expertise and capability to handle such a project.
 - a. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer.
 - b. There is no performance bond required, and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.
 - c. It is my understanding that Environmental Utilities has not provided adequate information on how the system will be serviced in the event of failure during a storm or other adverse conditions.
 - d. What experience do they have with other wastewater systems?
4. I am concerned about the hook up and monthly service costs

- a. Initially hookup was estimated to be \$20,000 and subsequently it was reduced to approximately \$13,000. This makes me wonder if that lower number is valid or was provided only to quell complaints they were hearing.
 - b. It is my understanding that the average monthly bill is estimated to be somewhere around \$178. This is twice the cost of monthly sewer AND water in Rotunda.
 - c. I am also concerned about the cost I will have to incur to install a separate electrical panel.
 - d. In the case of a power outage which we experience frequently, I'm concerned the system's grinder pump will not be able to function for long. I would need a generator to ensure there was no sewage back up during the power outage.
 - e. I am concerned about the life of the equipment installed by Environmental Utilities and their ability to maintain it. This could result in future upcharges to homeowners because of the needed repair costs
5. Also, it is my understanding that most utility easements are placed in the road right-of-way. EU has claimed ownership of a utility easement that will go from the sewer equipment, located near the house to the connection in the road without compensating me. It's my property and if they want an easement they should pay for it.

So, the central sewer system proposed by Environmental Utilities will have a significant impact on me, a homeowner in the proposed service area. As such, **I am formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service.**

Sincerely,

Joe Noto

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From: Steve Egan <steveimprint1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Docket 20200226-SU

Commissioners,

My name is Steve Egan, with a vacation property at 8270 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida. I am in opposition to the proposed central sewer system that is being forced upon us by a private entity (Jack Bower's company, EU).

Being forced to hook up to this service, at a cost totally absorbed by residents, would put a financial hardship on many island residents, including my family. Our 900 square foot cabin is a weekend place, used about once a month. We barely were able to afford being forced to hook up to Mr. Boyer's water utility, and that was \$5000. Not to mention having to pay to hook up from the meter to the residence.

I don't feel there is a need for service due to the inconsistent use of the property, and the additional expenses beyond the initial hookup charge that is being forced upon us by a *for-profit* company. There have also been questions as to Mr. Boyer's technical expertise and financial wherewithal.

I would also encourage any commissioner that has not visited Little Gasparilla Island to please come see it for yourselves. You might gain an appreciation of the island for what it is not, instead of what it is. Most of us don't own big fancy places on the water. We are regular people that got on the island years ago before the market went crazy. We just can't afford it what Mr. Boyer is trying to do.

In conclusion, I object to EU's Application for Original Certificate of Authorization and would formally ask that the PSC deny it.

Respectfully,

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Subject: docket #20200266-SU

Commissioner,

I am a property owner on Palm Island 301 S Gulf Blvd Unit 420 under my company name K and L Property Management, LLC

I would like to that PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service.

The cost for the hook up is very uncertain along with the average residential bill and and the cost to close my current septic tank This is huge financial obligation.

The expense of the additional electric panel, electric bill associated with the pump needed and potential a generator in the event of power outages. Is also very uncertain.

My current septic is well maintained and should have the option to be grandfathered in.

Our island serviced by the ferry will have huge traffic disruptions, damaging our roads, yards, landscaping.

Please DENY this application.

Thank you,

Diane Reed
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owner and member of K and L Property Management, LLC

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From: Kevin Reed <kevinreed1308@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

I am a property owner on Palm Island 360 S Gulf Blvd Unit A under my company name K and L Property Management, LLC

I would like to that PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service.

The cost for the hook up is very uncertain along with the average residential bill. This is huge financial obligation, which is not necessary to me as a homeowner with a very functioning and maintained septic system. and the cost to close my current septic tank.

The expense of the additional electric panel, electric bill associated with the pump needed and potential a generator in the event of power outages. Is also very uncertain.

Our island serviced by the ferry will have huge traffic disruptions, damaging our roads, yards, landscaping.

Please DENY this application.

Thank you,

Kevin Reed

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