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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:58 PM  
**To:** 'Richard Sadenwater'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: PSC Docket # 20200226-SU Environmental Utilities, LLC

Good Afternoon, Richard Sadenwater.

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

Thank you!

*Toni Hover*

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**From:** Richard Sadenwater <[sadenwater150@comcast.net](mailto:sadenwater150@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:55 PM  
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**Subject:** PSC Docket # 20200226-SU Environmental Utilities, LLC

TO: [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)  
FROM: Richard Sadenwater, 150 Kettle harbor Dr. Placida Fl. 33946  
RE: Docket # 20200226-SU

My name is Richard Sadenwater, retired Contractor and resident of Don Pedro Island for 21 years. I am writing to oppose the granting of Original Certificate of Authorization for the current proposed sewer system on the barrier islands. Across the State local governing bodies have provided assistance to residents for projects of this magnitude. Charlotte County Commissioners have given permission to Environmental Utilities (EU) to proceed with the project without investigation of the many issues. Environmental Utilities LLC consists of a husband and wife duo with questionable funding and NO experience with waste water utilities. There has been NO testing for Phosphates or Nitrogen that would indicate a need for central sewers on our islands. There however has been testing upstream with results indicating chemicals flow into Charlotte Harbor from rivers and Lake Okeechobee. Testing on island for harmful elements that would indicate a need for central sewers must be done before this Authorization is granted. Charlotte County has suggested that central sewers be installed on the barrier Islands yet they will not assume the responsibility for financial or project construction. Similar project costs across the state are estimated to exceed \$46,000. Per household (Hernando County).

I supervised surface water testing for 7 years for the P.I.E. Association around 10 island sites paralleling the County testing of beach water. There was only one time on record that fecal coliform exceeded limits on the beach and that was during nesting season for birds.

If our septic systems are not suitable then why does the County keep issuing permits to install them?

Individual septic systems are monitored

by the County and updated to current standards when necessary.

A similar attempt by the same organization to get approval for central sewers was made and defeated in 2004.(Herald Tribune 4-11-2004).

Our islands are only accessible by boat or private barging. The fees range from \$55.00 for a car and \$220.00 to \$625.00 for a truck. Construction trucks with trailers are \$700.00! Barging fees alone will add a huge additional cost burden for residents and backups of traffic will slow construction deadlines.

Please carefully review these facts and others submitted by other residents of the islands and deny EUs application.

Richard Sadenwater

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