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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:41 PM
To: 'Dave D'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU Excellent Intentions with too many unresolved issues

Good Afternoon, Dave Dannenberg.

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!

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To PSC Commissioners and Interested Parties:

I am a property owner on Bocilla Drive Palm Island. I have also owned and operated a Construction Company for 27 Years. Being a good steward of our fragile environment is very important to me. The basic premise of having a quality common Wastewater System is an excellent one. So much time, care and money was spent to develop the Sewer Plan Report. Similar care must be used in implementing a detailed plan specific to Palm Island's fragile Environment before irrevocable damage is done.

It would be premature to grant the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization to Environmental Utilities. **I ask that you to Deny Environmental Utilities application for Wastewater service at this time.** There are too many unanswered and unresolved issues surrounding EU's ability to effectively perform the installation, maintenance and current / future management of this substantial project. Approving the application without all the necessary due

diligence, contingency plans, and vetting would be inconsistent with the Charlotte County's Sewer Plan Objectives.....

“Our goal is to collaboratively develop and prepare an implementation plan for an affordable, reliable, and efficient collection and treatment system for a sustainable environment.”

It is unfair and unreasonable to expect the collective property owners of Palm island to be forced into a situation with no reasonable assurance EU has the wherewithal to see this project through. The terms within the “**Bulk Wastewater Treatment Agreement**” as it relates to care, maintenance, costs, and a potential “*Abnormal Occurrence*” (***Environmental Emergency***) are vague. Charlotte County touts a 24/7 monitored contact system, yet the County has no responsibility to address this private sewer whatsoever. There also needs to be an inspection and system testing regiment during construction, not unspecified and intermittent. Throwing caution to the wind and hoping for the best is not a strategy. No rational person would enter into an agreement with so many open ended issues.

From the start the legal posturing and motions filed on behalf of EU seem rushed. It looks like EU and their Council wants to circumvent the system of checks and balances that has been put in place for everyone's benefit. There appears to be a HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST here. This project warrants quality over expediency. What's motivating EU? The Charlotte County's initiative repeatedly states this is a Non for Profit endeavor intended to protect our waterways and way of life. It's simply not realistic for the property owners to accept this approach in good conscience? Its imperative the property owners of Palm Island have some say in our utility services and the Island's future. A thoughtful well laid out Business Plan is in order. Perhaps a private waste water utility may be the best route, but let's get our ducks in a row first. Education dismisses fear. We need more information and can't be held hostage to the unknown. There's too much at stake here.

Respectfully,

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