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Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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From: Peter Baur <panbaur@icloud.com>
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Dear Commissioners,

I am the owner of the property 31 Bayshore Cir. on Palm Island, Placida, FL 33946.

This letter is to express my sincere concern about Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) being approved to install a sewer system on Palm Island.

There are several reasons which cause my concern:

- The EU presented connection fees which are not based on detailed calculations but seem rather to be of rough estimation. Once installed, the sewer connection fees could be raised significantly, well beyond any reasonable amount. Then, there is the monthly usage cost which is said to be \$178.78. Adding the cost for water which is \$100 a month, one has to pay about \$280 a month for water and sewer. That is about **three times** the amount our neighbors in Rotonda are paying.
- There was no scientific research demonstrating the need for service based on environmental impact.
- The applicant (EU) does not have the financial resources necessary to install such an elaborate sewer system.
- The applicant (EU) does not possess the technical expertise to design and oversee/lead/conduct the installation of such an involved sewer system (no ability to use of gravity and the need to cross the ICW). EU never designed or installed a sewer system.

As a resident, I have yet to meet even one supporter on this island who supports EU's interest in developing this project, only consternation and concern.

Based on the foregoing, I request that the PSC denies the application of EU for wastewater service.

Sincerely

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Clerk of the Commission,

My wife and I built a home on Don Pedro Island/Palm Island in 2015 and are seasonal residents spending about 20 to 30 days a year. We do not rent out our home. We are asking the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization requested by EU to be the private entity to install centralized sewers.

On the island, most tanks are seasonal use only. EU has not managed, nor done such work as required to install on our island. We have heard there is no current accurate cost to the owners to tap into the sewer or what the ongoing cost will be. As homeowners, we are at his mercy of the quality of work being performed and the rates he would have full authority to charge. We are not opposed to sewers, but I am opposed to EU. We would want someone with a proven track record of successfully implementing such a project and have reasonable established rates provide that are capped to reasonable increases.

Please decline approval of this permit.

Sincerely,

Zach Bawel