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**From:** Hannah Barker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:35 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence  
**Attachments:** RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Sewer not needed!; RE RE. Docket #20200226-SU; RE Comment on Docket Number 20200226-SU; RE Docket # 20200226; RE Docket # 20200226-SU ; RE DOCKET #20200226; RE Docket #20200226 - Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU); RE RE. Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

**Hannah E. Branum**  
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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:14 PM  
**To:** 'jbluscombe@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Luscombe,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** jbluscombe@gmail.com <jbluscombe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 8:30 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this EU.

I am a full time resident on Don Pedro Island (420 Bocilla Drive) and strongly oppose the EU's application for wastewater services.

Beyond the obvious ( the applicant has NO EXPERIENCE in WASTE WATER and his background includes a number of legal infractions) , my personal moment of AWWWWW, is when I review the data presented on Need for service. The science is flawed at basic levels. The data is not from the immediate area surrounding our island. We as a community have 10 years of bacteriological data from annual sampling that does not show a "NEED".

The other AWWWW moment is Fair and Equitable Rates and Charges. The applicant has not provided the residents with any level of detail as to the costs we will be forced to incur. Uncertain hook up charges, added expense for infrastructure, generators, landscaping and an additions \$200 to \$300 monthly added to our already high utility bills!

This entire process is an insult to all of us. No research, no engineering, no competitive bids. Our island is also a very fragile environment for which there have been no impact studies done.

I personally am not opposed to a sewage system. I am opposed to this applicant and the absolute lack of research and engineering .

The stakes are huge and the odds of success are slim if this path is chosen.

Please make the right choice , which is not the easy choice.

Respectfully

Jim Luscombe

**Jim Luscombe**

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'John Day'  
**Subject:** RE: Sewer not needed!

Dear Mr. Day,

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Day <[johnday1000@gmail.com](mailto:johnday1000@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:28 PM  
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <[Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us)>  
Subject: Sewer not needed!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'Chuck Soderquist'  
**Subject:** RE: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Soderquist,

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**From:** Chuck Soderquist <sodo1@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 8:00 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioner Clark,

Please approve the proposal to provide central sewers to our Barrier Islands. Doing so, will have a great positive impact to these Islands and the surrounding area.

Thank You

**Chuck Soderquist**

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'Jenny Dang'  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Docket Number 20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Dang,

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**From:** Jenny Dang <jenny\_n\_dang@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 7:25 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Comment on Docket Number 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark:

My name is Jennifer Dang, and my husband (Tri) and I are property owners on Palm Island in Placida, Florida. Tri will submit his comment separately from his perspective.

I respectfully request that you **DENY EU's application for wastewater service** due to the following reasons, which in my humble opinion, are purely common sense.

1) I honestly don't believe that there is a proven need for EU's proposed wastewater service on the Island. Currently, we live in rural Virginia, and our house has not only a well but also a septic system. My parents' house in Georgia also uses a septic system for decades. **If enforced and maintained appropriately, septic systems are very efficient and safe to the environment.** I am engineer, and I do like to tinker with things. However, there are times when I have to remind myself of the old saying "**If it's not broken, don't fix it.**" **This situation that the EU, you and other commissioners are dealing with now is just as that - especially when folks on the Island are opposing to the EU proposal.**

- 2) The majority of owners on our island do not request this proposed service from the EU.
- 3) Given the information (or lack of) provided by the EU, I don't believe that there are technical expertise and sufficient finances to support this project. In the end, the issues and costs overrun will be astronomical and passed on to the homeowners on the Island.
- 4) Since the County is not responsible for this project (so to speak), the homeowners on the Island will have no control over unknown rates after installation as well as future rate increases over the years.
- 5) Finally and most importantly, the proposed system and service are, in my opinion, no better than what homeowners have currently. At least, the costs of maintaining existing septic systems are manageable and known to homeowners.

Now from a personal perspective, I would like to make a few statements. My husband and I are in the process of planning for the construction of our retirement (forever) home on the lot that we purchased on the Island in 2013. We'll be living full time on the Island in a few years and cannot wait when that time comes. We both grew up in a communist regime when we were little. We have been living in the States for over 40 years now. Freedom means more to us than probably most folks because we know what it was like not to have it. Although we don't currently live on the Island, we have been following this proposal from the beginning as the outcome of this proposal will affect our daily lives when we become full time residence in a few years. **My whole issue with this proposal is that when the majority of homeowners oppose to this proposal from the EU, why force it down our throat?** While I understand that you and other commissioners have to follow the notice and comment process and do your due diligence, you have to take into consideration the needs and wants of the people on the Island. We cannot be forced to do something that we strongly oppose just because someone believes that their proposal is better and good for the environment. You have to consider the long-term financial impact to the homeowners not to mention the potential issues with the proposed systems. **Please ask yourself this question, if you were the homeowner, what would you do and do you think that it's appropriate to allow someone (like the EU) continually forcing something on people that will have significant negative, long-lasting effects on people's lives? To me, this is Un-American. Personally, this is something that people only see in third-world countries or what my husband and I used to experience in a communist regime -- where we didn't have a say into our daily lives.**

**To close, while the aforementioned statements might be considered too harsh, I hope that it is time we bring an end to this agony and again respectfully request that you and other commissioners settle this matter once for all ---- that FREEDOM to choose from the homeowners on the Island prevail. I thank you in advance for your consideration.**

Respectfully yours,

Jennifer Dang

Email: [jenny\\_n\\_dang@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny_n_dang@yahoo.com)



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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** 'Kathy Stokes'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket # 20200226

Dear Mr. Stokes,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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**From:** Kathy Stokes <kitkatstokes@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Kathy Stokes <kitkatstokes@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Docket # 20200226

Dear Commissioners, I am requesting that you deny Environmental Utility's application for a wastewater certificate to our BRIDGELESS BARRIER ISLAND. (Knights, Palm Island, Don Pedro and Little Gasparilla -once separate, now connected by beach only due to Mother Nature's forces).

We have a unique locale, many geographical, environmental and COMMON SENSE complications. We are barge only access, ( a ferry for Palm Island and wooden 40-50 ft barge pushed by boat with outboard motor for LGI) as far as large equipment coming to the island. It is Very expensive, last quote to us, \$600 a trip to Little Gasparilla, the part where we live. EU never specifically addresses the barge fees in what we've

read. LGI has only sandy lanes, no paved roads and we have frequent power outages, even without storms, which can last from hours to days. Repair crews from FPL have to come by boat of course.

We have NO confidence in the Boyers of Environmental Utilities to have the technical and financial ability, nor confidence of the island homeowners to take on this massive project! PLUS, there is no performance bond! The costs, difficulties, and probability of failure are very alarming in our opinions. Charlotte County should be undertaking this project if testing specific to our bridgeless barrier island ever was done and truly show the need, which has not been shown as of this time. Charlotte County Sewer Master Plan addresses affordability saying costs should be at or below \$113 a month for sewer and \$204 for sewer AND water. EU's estimate is \$256 for sewer alone, much over twice the rate they consider affordable. LGI's water company is owned by the same utility owners as EU., and our average monthly rate is \$118, yielding a combined rate of \$374 a month! Outrageous! Almost twice the affordable rate cited by the county in their Sewer Master Plan!

In addition, we don't understand how Charlotte County gave EU a contract without any bids, to apply for this certificate. They require other private companies to demonstrate project experience, references of 3 similar projects of scope and size! (EL Jobean project an example) It would seem that the PSC and Charlotte County should require the same criteria for Environmental Utilities which is a start up company with NO experience of this needed magnitude! To manage construction and contracting for a project this huge requires experience and skills that the Boyers of EU have not shown.

For all of the above reasons and others quoted in letters to the PSC, and statements by homeowners made at the Service Hearing for this docket, I am requesting you DENY the application to Environmental Utilities. Thank you.

Roy Stokes  
8892 Gulf Street  
Little Gasparilla Island

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** 'tandhburns@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Burns,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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**From:** tandhburns@gmail.com <tandhburns@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

I am asking you to DENY a certificate of authorization to EU for wastewater service to Little Gasparilla Island.

While I am not against having sewer installed on the island, I am not in favor of it being done in this manner and under EU's supervision and control.

There is a significant amount of geographical, environmental and practical complications involved, including sand paths, lack of a north/south platted roadway, barge-only access to the island, and frequent power outages. I don't think that Mr. Boyer has the professional ability, business structure, or enough confidence from the community to spearhead this project.

The difficulties of setting up sewer and the proposed high cost to owners both for installation and ongoing fees are all reasons to wait until Charlotte County is willing to add the barrier islands to their master sewer plan and implement it themselves.

Properly maintained septic systems are a viable and still accepted manner of waste disposal and should be continued until the DEP and/or Charlotte County is willing to be actively involved.

Thank you for your attention and service,

Heather Burns  
8960 Seagrape Lane  
Placida, FL 33946

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** 'nina stokes'  
**Subject:** RE: DOCKET #20200226

Dear Ms. Stokes,

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**From:** nina stokes <ninadv3399@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 7:02 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Kit Kat <kitkatstokes@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** DOCKET #20200226

Dear Commissioners,

Upon continuing reading of the afternoon session of the Service Hearing on Feb. 8 th, for EU 's application for a wastewater certificate, I have a few comments. It is a real eye opener for sure and I am asking you to DENY granting the certificate as there are SO many continuing unanswered questions regarding the need, finances, technical expertise, and the outrageous rates and charges.

It was shocking to see the EU 's witness, Ms Swain, say the schedules she worked on were based on the information provided by the utility. The OPC attorney questioned her about BARGING fees, ( three different ones, \$12,000 a year, transit \$870 a year, and then \$19,000). She said these were "best estimates at the time". OPC asked if Mr. Boyer was

planning a contract for barging at a flat monthly rate? Answer, " I heard that". OPC said is the contract signed? Answer" I'm not aware of that". When asked by OPC if she agreed there were two barge providers she answered , "I'm not aware of how many barges". OPC asked if she included costs for two different barges or just one? Answer" I only have \$1,000 a month for barging... and then \$300 a month for fuel. I only have one cost in there -for barging.

This is HUGE! Eldred's Marina. has a barge, approximately 40-50 ft long that runs from their Marina on Boca Grand Causeway to the island. It is pushed by a boat with an outboard motor and runs when the operator desires to run it. The last price I knew of was \$600 per trip. Builders and contractors wait weeks sometimes to have supplies delivered. How will Mr Boyer manage to get his materials delivered in a timely manner? What will be the TRUE cost? The second barge is the one at Palm Island which all their residents use and they are very concerned about it causing problems for their getting in and off the island if it is loaded with equipment for a sewer project. AND \$ 300 a month for fuel for two barges? That is insane with the price of gas now!

Next the OPC asked about salaries being estimated at below the average range for those positions. Ms. Swain said" yes, we are at the low end". OPC attorney said" Below the low end, correct?" Answer, " I don't remember-I know we were at the low end at least."

OPC asked about bids for the project, were they 3-5 years old? Answer, yes, with 2% added. Really? Costs way up now so costs to homeowners skyrocketing!

More questions for Ms. Swain by Attorney Kelsky about financing for the project. She knew nothing about that. When asked if she had conducted an appraisal of the value of the company, she answered" No, as far as I know, there is really almost NO COMPANY currently until the certificate is granted". Doesn't that speak volumes? Please don't grant a certificate to this "NO COMPANY !"

When Ms Cotheman asked Ms. Swain who developed the numbers she was given to start with, she answered , " The operations and maintenance expenses and other information came directly from the utility - Mr. Boyer. Really?

Then Ellen Hargrove , land planner testified, giving information about the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan and explained that it demonstrated no need for wastewater service . It is contrary to the County's growth strategy. The area is a bridgeless barrier island, BBI, and the policy specifically discourages development because of the difficulty of providing fire and emergency management services. The area is a Velocity Zone, extreme difficulty for hurricane preparedness and evacuation from the BBI . The island is not included in any of the 12 areas in the Master plan, so no need!

When Attorney Wharton for EU questioned her she said the Charlotte County Utility director at the time, Craig Rudy, ( who wasn't a Planner) dealt with Environmental Utilities and not the County Planning Dept. who is in charge of the Comprehensive Plan. She said the planning Dept. would be the one to make a consistency determination not a public works director.

Some comments about Dr. Robert Weisberg, Distinguished Professor of Physical Oceanography at the USF college of Marine Biology. He gave interesting and compelling testimony to discuss the lack of need for sewer service in the basis that there is no scientific support for the proposition by Mr. Boyer

that on site septic tanks exacerbate red tide and algae outbreaks in the barrier island of concern. When Attorney Wharton for EU quoted a Branch Harbor study on septic tanks, Dr Weisberg answered it was conducted up north by a yacht club close to I-75, totally different substrata . Said you can't extrapolate that result to a bridgeless barrier island.

Next was the eye opening statement by Sheri Schultz, CPA, accredited valuation and certified in financial forensics. Her statement said she reviewed EU's financial statement, personal financial statements of the Boyer's , the pre-filed costs estimates of Jonathan Cole, and the pre-filed testimony of Deborah Swain as it relates to the cost of construction for the proposed utility. She concluded that neither EU LLC nor the Boyer's have the financial ability to undertake construction of a wastewater system in the proposed service area, as based on the data provided . Neither the company nor its principals could service the debt associated with the cost of construction .

These are some comments about the afternoon session of the hearing that I believe are very important to review. Then of course the other frightening facts of EU having no contract, no single point of general oversight and no performance bond. Residents will have no recourse in case of project failure or cost overruns which could very likely happen! Plus what about the equipment that homeowners will very likely have to replace in 5 years at great expense? And the need for generators in case of power outages? And easements? And potential sewer spills in the inland coastal waterway? Just too many questions to give a certificate to this start up company. Please deny the certificate and thank you for taking into consideration the thoughts, and ideas of the hundreds of homeowners expressing their concerns. There is a lot of expertise out there.

Sincerely, Kathleen Stokes  
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Little Gasparilla Island

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** 'Tim Malone'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226 - Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU)

Dear Mr. Malone,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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**From:** Tim Malone <tmalone@itstraffic.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:50 AM  
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**Cc:** Rosemary Malone <rosemary.malone2@evernorth.com>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226 - Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU)

To All:

Please find attached our letter pertaining to Docket #20200226 - Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU).

I think this accurately states our position.

Thx,

Tim



**Tim Malone** 407-492-6664



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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** 'Lisa Haney'  
**Subject:** RE: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. and Ms. Haney,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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**From:** Lisa Haney <l\_haneyr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2022 4:25 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20200226-SU

To: PSC

We are writing to ask you to **deny** EU's application for wastewater service.

We have not requested sewer service nor do we have any need for sewer service. The lack of information regarding the finances of this project concerns us extremely. At the hearings the lack of EUs technical expertise was brought up several times. This too is concerning. The costs associated with this would be an unnecessary hardship on us. The disruption to the native flora and fauna would be huge and again, for no necessary reason.

We appreciate your time and hope that you will see that this project is not what we need and thus deny the application from EU.

Thank you,  
Lisa & Richard Haney  
58 Tarpon Way, Placida FL 33946

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** 'Ben Stout'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Stout,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you over the past few months, both in person at our service hearings, and through the countless emails I have received. I want to stress how valuable the customer perspective is to me. Tomorrow the parties in this case will be filing briefs, laying out their arguments, and we are scheduled to make a decision the morning of Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our monthly Agenda Conference. If you would like to watch the Agenda Conference you may go to FloridaPSC.com, where it will be live streamed.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ben Stout <captben2001@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioner Clark:

My name is Ben Stout and I live at 400 Bocilla Dr, Placida Fl on Palm Island. I am writing to you to convey my NO Vote for the EU Private Central Sewer Proposal. I am asking you and your fellow commissioner's to DENY EU's application for wastewater service. I have zero confidence in the abilities of EU to adequately provide quality service on a daily basis or during any sort of disaster or emergency type situation. The many unreasonable and unfair cost-related requirements feels like EU just wants to profit off my beautiful island and will add hardship to our daily lives that WE DO NOT NEED on Palm Island.

My family vacationed on Palm Island years ago before scrapping our nickels and dimes together to purchase our "forever" home. We feel blessed and grateful to be able to enjoy clean sandy roads, beautiful beaches and street light-less dark starry nights. We experience great fishing and the minimal vehicle movements as most residents use golf carts as primary transportation, as well as safe bike riding for me, my

wife and our 11-year old son. It also means that our Gopher Tortoise, fox, and bobcat populations can freely move about the island.

The financial hardship that EU's requirements will place on me and my family are outrageous. Our ferry service is already challenged at times to keep up with the normal level of traffic that comes on and off the island. EU's requirements would place significant burden as I see it, increased traffic in the form of construction related vehicles, ferry wear & tear etc. on that ferry system. It would then only be natural that the ferry service would pass operational, repair and equipment replacement costs onto my family and the other island residents in the form of increased ferry fees. Again, a financial hardship created by EU and their Private Sewer Proposal that WE DO NOT NEED on Palm Island.

System conversion means that I will have to pay for the disposal of my septic system by a septic service provider. I will have to pay the ferry fees that the ferry service charges for large trucks and trailers to make multiple trips on and off the island. The increased traffic riding over to the island means that the removal/installation process will be totally dependent on the efficiency of the very good Ferry Captains to move the vehicles back and forth. Realistically, the start/stop work hours will hinge on this ferry schedule which will add days and trips across to the project. Let's also not forget that high winds and weather that will impact ferry operations will also create delays which will add days to the installation part of this proposal but also impact normal and emergency operations. Which means more money out of my pocket and financial hardship created by EU and their Private Sewer Proposal that WE DO NOT NEED on Palm Island.

The requirement of a generator and electrical service upgrade requirements as well as Access to my property and uncompensated easement allocation just makes no sense. EU expects me to buy a generator so that I and my fellow island residents won't experience a sewage back up. EU's proposal creates a PUBLIC HEALTH HARDSHIP if their proposed system fails and sewage backs up into my and my fellow island residents homes. That doesn't seem like a very good plan. Then the suggested equipment, which will be in a salt air environment has a suggested LIFESPAN of 5 years! Now I will have the costs of replacing the Private Sewer equipment by a sewer vendor as well as the accompanying ferry fees. Which means more money out of my pocket and financial hardship that was created by EU and their Private Sewer Proposal that WE DO NOT NEED on Palm Island.

Commissioner Clark, Thank you for your time and attention. Please DENY the EU Private Sewer Proposal, Thank you.

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