

Antonia Hover

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:34 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: RE Docket #20200226-SU Formal Objection to EU's Application for Wastewater Service; RE Docket #20200226-SU Proposed sewer project for Little Gasperilla island; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE {BULK} I support Environmental utilities efforts; RE 20200226 SU; RE {BULK} Sewers on PI; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket No. 20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:04 PM
To: 'Jennifer Aulsebrook'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU: Formal Objection to EU's Application for Wastewater Service

Dear Mr. and Ms. Aulsebrook,

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: Jennifer Aulsebrook <jennifersue_12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 1:45 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>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU: Formal Objection to EU's Application for Wastewater Service

Good Afternoon Commissioners LaRosa, Clark, Passidomo and Clerk of the Commission,

We (John and Jennifer Aulsebrook) are writing to you as the property owners within the proposed service area (Don Pedro/Knight Islands) contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer for Docket No. 20200226-SU. We hereby firmly object to the EU's application for certificate to provide wastewater service in our service area. Our rationale for this objection is as follows:

- **Ethical Practices:**

- On January 5, 2021, the PSC made a decision to deny the EU's motion to bifurcate for temporary waiver of Rule 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q). While we are grateful for this decision, we find this initial filing incredibly disturbing as it would have allowed the EU to move forward without fully informing the homeowners of the impact this project. This unintegral business strategy, conducted at the beginning of this application, gives us great concern about the EU's

ability to complete this project ethically and fairly. Furthermore, with this initial behavior, this leads us to believe the continued maintenance and service will also be conducted in this manner.

- **Financial Burden, impacting Health:**

- As stakeholders in the proposed service area, it is important to have all the relevant information regarding the proposed central sewer including the connection fees. In January 2022, we have been provided a Rate Case Overview, which indicates the sewer lateral installation and main extension charges will be \$13,221. This rate sheet does not disclose the additional fees for: Electric (the system pump requires a separate electric panel), Generator (homeowners will need a generator to keep the system running during an outage to avoid sewage back-up), Landscaping / Hardscaping around the septic area, and Septic Removal. These additional expenses (all at the homeowners expense) can and will add up, incurring a great burden for us. Additionally, there is concern for other, unexpected fees not listed here; therefore, we still do not feel we have been informed on the **full** financial impact of this project.
- The residential service bill for 4,000 gallons of usage will be \$256.66/month. This is almost triple the amount a homeowner would have to pay on the mainland. We have also been informed that the EU will incorporate increases at a maximum and where possible. We have never paid this much for sewer service in our life and this will have detrimental impact to our finances. We find it absolutely abhorrent that these fees are even being considered, further outlining the EUs ability to conduct themselves in an ethical manner.
- For this section, I will convey our situation in 1st person: While I do not typically share financial and/or health situations outwardly, I feel it's best to provide this information in this sensitive situation. My husband suffered a heart attack as a result of extreme stress. He and I both suffer from osteoarthritis in our spines, as well as, other health issues. We made the conscious decision to sell our home in Colorado and move to the island, strictly for our health and well-being. This island is a healing place for us, quite literally. Unfortunately, my husband is no longer able to work; therefore, we have only one income that is fixed and no wiggle room for exorbitant budget items such as a sewer system. Quite simply, we absolutely cannot afford the expense of the initial start-up, nor can we afford the atypically high monthly service bill. We are also not able to get a loan (it's absolutely not an option). For us, the approval of this sewer system would financially devastate us. This is utter honesty and without exaggeration. We would have to consider moving away from the island, which would, in fact, impact our overall health. The alternative to moving away from the island would be for me to obtain a second job, which would also impact overall health. The ramifications of this decision are vast and I am sharing this to give you a sense of who we are as people and what this could mean for our future. There are often assumptions made about the islanders...that we are wealthy and can frivolously afford things like this without a problem. I'm writing this to inform you that is absolutely **not** the case with us...and that is not the case for many of us (as I have been made aware). In complete vulnerability, we are two humans, trying to care for our health and well-being, counting our pennies along the way so we may have the necessary blessings that this healing island provides. For us, this island carries incredible meaning and importance to our livelihood.

- **Purpose:**

- We have a perfectly working septic system that follows the Charlotte County requirements for maintenance. It is in excellent condition and we (like all islanders) are required to follow our Operating Permit and Maintenance Agreement required by state law and provisioned through the Florida Health Department. We fully adhere to the operating permit/required maintenance, including but not limited to, conducting bi-annual inspections, septic pumping as required within the specified timeframes, ensuring a fully functional aerator with alarms, mitigating root growth, ensuring the drain field has proper vegetation, blower and air filter cleaning, etc. There is absolutely no consideration for homeowners that have a well-maintained, functional, environmentally-safe septic system to be grandfathered. Additionally, we have not heard adequate rationale for the need to replace our existing septic system with a sewer line.

- **Environmental Concerns:**

- We have conducted thorough research on both septic and sewer systems. We have serious concerns with the environmental impact of the installation, operating, and maintenance of a sewer system. As we understand it, in terms of the environment, our controlled and highly maintained septic system does not have the impact on the environment that a sewer system does. We are incredibly concerned about the wastewater that could potentially enter our ocean (as has been seen time and time again with many sewer systems). Additionally, this could have a high impact on our ecological system, including but not limited to, our protected Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoises and Birds.

In summary, any potential project with regard to sewer installation would impact us immensely and would be devastating to our finances, our overall health, and the environment; therefore, we are formally and respectfully requesting that the PSC deny the EU's application for wastewater service.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John and Jennifer Aulsebrook

aulsebrook@comcast.net

jennifersue_12@yahoo.com

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:04 PM
To: 'Randy Simmons'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU Proposed sewer project for Little Gasperilla island

Dear Mr. Simmons,

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: Randy Simmons <simmonsrandy77@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Randy Simmons <simmonsrandy77@gmail.com>
Cc: 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>
Subject: Re: Docket #20200226-SU Proposed sewer project for Little Gasperilla island

As a follow up to this e-mail with concerns stated in regards to the proposed sewer system I would like to reiterate the fact that Jack Boyer and EU has not secured any easements necessary for crossing my property at 8230 Little Gasparilla Island, this was stated on the hearing February 8th 51 minutes into the hearing and it is absolutely FALSE he has not compensated property owners for the necessary access to allow him to put in the proposed sewer system. I will be contacting my attorney to follow up on recourse and for being compensated if the proposed system is approved. I felt that the Public service commission and the county commissioner should be aware of this falsehood

Any questions or concerns concerning this matter you can call me at 813-310-5125 thank you very much
Randy Simmons

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2022, at 2:31 PM, Randy Simmons <simmonsrandy77@gmail.com> wrote:

Commissioners and Clerk of the public service commission,

My name is Randy Simmons, I am a current owner of 8230 little Gasperilla Island, I am sending you this email in opposition to the proposed sewer project and Formally requesting that the PSC deny EUs request for waste water service. There are many reasons for this request .below are just a few. Not a comprehensive list

1. EU has not Secured/ Purchases the necessary right of way for the project as a portion of my property would be necessary to complete the project EU DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY to install infrastructure needed for this project.
- 2.I currently my property has a well functioning septic system that is a very low to NO impact to the environment and don't feel that this project is justified, additionally if it were to go through I feel I should be grandfathered in and not required to hook up to the system at the proposed exorbitant cost.
3. It has not been determined that EU has the financial ability to handle such a project and I feel that this project should be performed by Charlotte County to ensure system is up to standards if we are forced to go on a sewer system.
- 4 it is in question rather EU has the technical expertise to perform the construction and oversight of a project such as this SINCE THEY HAVE ZERO experience and have not Installed a system anywhere else comparatively. Additionally I don't feel that EU can provide a system that is affordable to the owners of property on Little Gasparilla island.

Thank you for you consideration in these matters as I request that the proposal be denied

Randy Simmons

E-mail simmonsrandy77@gmail.com

Cell 812-310-4125

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:03 PM
To: 'Candyce Cohen'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Cohen,

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From: Candyce Cohen <candycecohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:57 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>
Cc: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Jennifer Crawford <jcrawfor@psc.state.fl.us>; Ryan Sandy <RSandy@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioners Clark, Passidomo and LaRosa and Esquires Crawford, Helton and Sandy,

I wanted to thank all of you once again for traveling to our corner of the state to conduct hearings and to listen to affected residents. As I was first up to the podium last night, I did not see the protocol for this so I asked after the meeting. I wanted to share the reference materials for my comments on Docket #20200226-SU. As a nervous speaker, I typed out my comments as my husband warned I've never said something in 3 minutes if I could take 20. My reference data is attached as well as a copy of my comments as I hate to see anyone transcribing what I can just provide. (Apologies as one of the FL DEP charts was also included in my letter submitted to the docket.)

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:02 PM
To: 'eu777offices@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: {BULK} I support Environmental utilities efforts

Dear Ms. Durrance,

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: eu777offices@gmail.com <eu777offices@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Graham <Commissioner.Graham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Chairman Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Commission Clerk <CommissionClerk@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: {BULK} I support Environmental utilities efforts
Importance: Low

I Leslie Durrance support the environmental utilities efforts to convert septic to sewer.

Sent from my Iphone!

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:02 PM
To: 'William Woodworth'
Subject: RE: 20200226 SU

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

From: William Woodworth <mom2amy@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: 20200226 SU

Dear commissioner, we are residents of palm island resort.

7277 rum bay drive 5222

We are for the sewer. We have been exposed to red tide and watched huge fish kills. With the large number of lots sold and building beginning, more septic fields will go in. We sit so close to the water. We need to remove the waste to protect our beaches and fisheries. Please save our beaches.

Terri Woodworth
Sent from my iPad

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:01 PM
To: 'eu777offices@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: {BULK} Sewers on PI

Dear Mr. and Ms. Saad,

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: eu777offices@gmail.com <eu777offices@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2022 10:09 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Graham <Commissioner.Graham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Chairman Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Commission Clerk <CommissionClerk@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: {BULK} Sewers on PI
Importance: Low

My husband & I, Stewart & Sharon Saad, own 3 lots on Palm Island. One lot is developed and the other 2 lots will be developed in the near future.
We support Environmental Utilities efforts to convert septic to sewer.

Septic is very toxic and horrible for the environment.
Thank you,
Stewart & Sharon Saad

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:01 PM
To: 'Thomas McFarland'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. McFarlund,

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: Thomas McFarland <tomandvivian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2022 1:37 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>; 'Commissioner' <Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

My name is Thomas E. McFarland. My wife Vivian and I have owned a house on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) for over 20 years. Our mailing address is: PO Box 573, Placida, FL 33946-0573. Our physical address is 9580 Little Gasparilla Island and our email address is tomandvivian@gmail.com We are requesting that you deny EU's application for wastewater service.

We do not believe there is a need for this service. Our septic system has been maintained and is functioning properly. Other than a periodic inspection there is no cost for our septic service.

We are not requesting sewer service from a company like EU. Based on our experience with Mr. Boyer with his water system we believe his lack of technical expertise is a major concern. There was a perfectly good water plant on LGI and Mr. Boyer obtained approval for water service to be supplied from the mainland resulting in our water bill being more than quadrupled. The projected costs for sewer service are over the moon and very questionable. We are retired and on fixed incomes. Again, please deny the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:01 PM
To: 'Heather L Robertson'
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Dear Ms. 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.

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From: Heather L Robertson <webdeziner1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:44 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@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>
Subject: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

We moved to this island in 2014. Through hard work and budgeting our dream became a reality.

I am asking that you deny Environmental Utilities the certification for sewer based upon the following reasons:

1 Since Environmental Utilities does not have a true and accurate representation of actual costs, and no payment plan options I am very concerned about my family's budget.

We will have to have our electric panel upgraded. We will have to purchase a generator since we are a full time family of three and have experienced many many power interruptions out here on the island. A generator will be a must for us and the environment. We are owners and we will be made to burden the cost of a generator because a back-up could be devastating to our home and the environment.

Environmental Utilities owner Jack Boyer told me on record at our Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting when I asked if he will be perpetually raising rates as our current *private water provider does?* He answered, "He will take every raise afforded to him. In 10 years with the allowable rate increases we will easily be in the \$300 range. For a family that adheres to a budget to live in an environmental and family oasis these charges will not be tenable for us and many island friends.

These are not fair and equitable rates and charges. In fact we haven't even been supplied with a true number so that our family can plan accordingly.

Please deny Environmental Utilities on this point.

I would also like to address the need for service.

A need would imply that our septic systems are harming our waterways.

An individual, an organization, a county government or even state agency would have to have tests to show that our island is impacting the waterways. There are none. I have spent the last year studying, calling and emailing all of the agencies that would be involved with making this determination. There simply are no tests documented or posted from our local government or state agencies. Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program has very limited posted results for our area and those limited results clearly show that testing does not support this far fetched notion that our septic systems are polluting our local waterways.

We do know the state has a problem but putting the undue burden on individual homeowners while still allowing agriculture, big sugar, golf courses and phosphorous mines to pollute our waterways is a backward way of implementing environmental safeguards. Also I would like to point out that our local government is still actively approving septic systems here on the island. The same septic systems that EU and Jack Boyer claim are impairing our waterways.

Furthermore I would like to point out that Charlotte County has had 690+ wastewater incidents or malfunction from 2013 to date per the State of FL Oculus report. The latest was January of 2022. A massive spill mainland close to our island on Placida Rd. This is the proposed agency to receive our wastewater??

Our local island residents are very active in our pursuit of environmental excellence. We have been LAB testing our island waterways for years. We have tested in July, the height of tourist season and when the waters are the warmest. We have selected this time as the prime environment to identify any problems. Our testing results as far back as 2012 clearly support the evidence based results that island septic tanks are not harming our local waters. Also please note that our island homeowners association regularly promotes batch septic pump-outs to island residents. We connect island residents that are looking to have their septic systems pumped and inspected so they can save on the necessary ferry fees associated with a pump out. We do this so that we can actively promote responsible and environmentally sound septic practices. Please

deny Environmental Utilities claim of need for sewer. They clearly haven't shown this to be true.

Lastly I would like to close with some wisdom my parents have passed on to me over the years.

1) *Don't go in to business with someone you don't trust regardless of the promises they make.*

Approving Environmental Utilities is tantamount to saying I have to go into business with Jack Boyer. His financial track-record, past legal issues and disregard for the will of the island will not make a good business partner for me or my family.

2) *Make a budget and stick to that budget.*

As a homeowner I have not been presented with a factual dollar amount to be able to budget and plan for. And of course no pay over time option. How is this fair and equitable?

Thank You for your time,

Heather L Stout

webdeziner1@yahoo.com

Full Time Island Resident at 400 Bocilla Dr.

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:00 PM
To: 'doug young'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Young,

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: doug young <portaweldinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 2:42 PM
To: 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>; Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

We wish to go on record as being whole heartedly against the plan to allow EU to go forward with their plan to put an UNneeded and UNwanted sewer system on our pristine island.

We don't believe EU is acting in good faith. If they were they would have already have done the following; •Proven the necessity with documentation •Provided a civil engineering plan

•Shown the ability to provide a 25-30 million dollar performance bond (doubtful)

•Provide their list of subcontractors for vetting

•Have their costs figured out

Not to mention I can't believe that a project of this magnitude would be awarded to such a company and without any competing bids. I'm sure that there are many more qualified contractors that , given the opportunity, would be happy to

provide a proposal IF it were determined (by an independent agency) that a sewer system was absolutely necessary.
Thanks for listening

Sincerely,

Doug & Joyce Young
221 N Gulf Blvd

Doug Young
Porta-Weld Inc
18267 Casey Rd
Grayslake, IL 60030

Antonia Hover

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:00 PM
To: 'Zach Bawel'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Bawel,

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 3rd 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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