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**From:** Hannah Barker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence  
**Attachments:** RE Docket #20200226-SU opposition; Docket #20200226-su; Docket #20200226-SU;  
Fw Docket #20200226-SU (Palm Island); Docket 20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-su

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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**From:** Mike Riley <mikenriley@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 28, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU opposition

May 28, 2022

Reference: Docket #20200226 – Environmental Utilities, Inc. (EU)

To whom it may concern:

My name is Michael Riley and I own and live on Don Pedro Island at 220 Kettle Harbor Dr., which is a property within the service area of the proposed central sewer system, Docket #20200226-SU.

PSC Staff recently released their evaluation and review of this application and **RECOMMEND DENIAL!** I appreciate the Staff's diligence and attention to this case.

We applaud the Commissioners for holding hearings in Venice allowing the Islanders to attend and voice their opposition without the inconvenience of driving to Tallahassee and spending a night or two in order to participate.

As a stakeholder on the Islands, **I support the Staff's recommendation** and request that each Commissioner follow the staff's recommendation and **DENY THIS APPLICATION.**

In their evaluation and recommendation, the Staff stated that **EU did not prove a need for service** and the existing residents are largely opposed to EU's application, therefore this application is not in the Public's best interest. I could not have said it better.

Our Island community is an active group who cares about the environment. In as much, even though this application is still pending, I have seen Martin Septic start and finish replacements of at least 5 separate existing septic system drain fields in the last 2 to 3 weeks. This should show you the dedication our stakeholders take in making sure our island is the best it can be. I participate in the SOS Septic batch pump-out program, through PIE, and have my septic pumped and tested every 5 years.

**Once again, I encourage each Commissioner to follow the PSC Staff's recommendation and DENY THIS APPLICATION!**

Thank you

Michael N Riley  
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**From:** Duane Allen <felixpo6@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2022 5:59 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-su

We have just read the recommendation of your Staff on the Certificate for EU. PLease follow their recommendation and deny EU's application.

Duane and Gisela Allen  
30 Gasparilla Way  
Don Pedro Island

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**From:** JAYNE KEBE <kebefam@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2022 4:24 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark:

My name is Jayne Kebe and I am a property owner at 18 Palm Drive on Knight Island. We have owned the property since 2012 and I have lived here as a full-time resident since 2016.

With this email, I am formally requesting that you follow the **PSC's staff recommendation to deny the Application of Original Certificate of Authorization by Environmental Utilities for a central sewer line for Don Pedro and Knight Islands.**

Briefly and to iterate, I have worked professionally as an environmental engineer for over 20 years and I can attest that EU does not have the experience and expertise for such an extensive sewer line installation and maintenance project.

More important to me personally, as an island resident, is the lack of any consideration or attention that has been given by EU to the effects of this project on the islands' gopher tortoise population and its habitats. According to the FWC, gopher tortoises are listed as Threatened, which is defined as a species likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. Gopher tortoises share their burrows with more than 350 other species. Florida law protects both the tortoise and its burrow. Per the FWC regulations, "Gopher tortoises must be relocated before any land clearing or development takes place" and permits must be obtained before capturing and relocating tortoises.

[\(https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/gopher-tortoise/\)](https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/gopher-tortoise/)



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's Gopher Tortoise Program that is charged with restoring and maintaining secure, viable populations of gopher tortoises recommends enhancement of habitat quality and also requires that steps be taken to protect the GT and its burrow. No evaluation has been made by EU about the effects of the installation of these sewer lines on the gopher tortoise burrows or habitats. This is a terrible and inexcusable omission in my opinion.

Lastly, I would like to state my sincere appreciation of the work done by the PCS Commissioners and Staff for the detailed evaluation that they have made regarding this application. I know that significant amounts of research and documents have been submitted. A multitude of statements have been submitted to the PCS from the Don Pedro and Knight Islands residents with varying arguments supporting the denial of this application by EU. Thank you for reading and taking into consideration all of them.

Sincerely,  
Jayne O. Kebe  
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**From:** Jean Schultz <themumma2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:08 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Fw: Docket #20200226-SU (Palm Island)

Dear Commissioner Clark,

I am writing to ask you to please follow the staff recommendation to deny the application for Docket # 20200226-SU.

As a resident of Palm Island (we live at 80 Palm Dr) we appreciate the PCS Staff and Commissioners efforts to sort through the details and listen to the concerns of the residents and community on this issue. We participated in the public forum earlier this year (Don Schultz was one of the citizens who spoke).

Please be assured that we monitor and pump our septic system as often as needed. We recently had our septic pumped in late March 2022 as part of the PIE Batch Pump-Out Program.

Thank you again for your public service.

Jean and Don Schultz  
80 Palm Drive  
Palm Island (Placida), Florida

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**From:** Steve Egan <steveimprint1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2022 9:41 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Docket 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

Island residents were pleased to hear of the PSC's recommendation for denial of EU's application to provide sewer service to Little Gasparilla Island. The financial expense would have been devastating to us as a family. Thank you to for your close attention to the matter, and listening to the residents of the island.

Respectfully,

Steve Egan  
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**From:** Gil Collver <gil.collver@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:43 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-su

As owners of a home at 380 Kettle Harbor Drive on Palm Island we were pleased but not surprised to see that the PSC staff has recommended that the Commission deny the application for a wastewater certificate in the subject docket. The Commission should be commended for the thorough investigating process which has clearly shown that there is no public need nor demand for a mandatory sewer system on the island and given that the Commissions primary responsibility is to represent the public interest this application should clearly be denied.

Gilbert A. and Lila J. Collver