

**Antonia Hover**

**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:51 AM  
**To:** 'JAYNE KEBE'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Jayne Kebe.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

*Toni Hover*

*Commission Deputy Clerk I  
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**From:** JAYNE KEBE <kebefam@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2022 4:21 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Hello,

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/>)



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,  
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