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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 9:42 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200226  
**Attachments:** ReDocket#20200226-SU; Docket 20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

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**From:** Tom Hosman <hosmantom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 9:22 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Re:Docket#20200226-SU

We would like to lodge our opposition to EUs application for the sewer system on Palm Island ( Knight Island). Better enforcement of existing septic systems would seem to be a much better use of our scarce resources.

We are concerned also with the applicant's financial strength and ability to properly complete a sewer system.

Please consider ours and others objections In denying the application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom and Patsy Hosman

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** lagvascular@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 9:15 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket 20200226-SU

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RE: Private Sewer Project, Docket # 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Passidomo:

I am writing again to formally restate my request that you deny EU's application for wastewater service to Palm Island in Charlotte County. I am a property owner within the proposed service area of Palm Island at 421 Kettle Harbor Drive, Placida. This is a small barrier island with mostly second homes that are unoccupied by owners or renters a large portion of the time. It is a rural area where owners make environmental conservation and wildlife preservation a high priority. As a rural area, Charlotte County has discouraged central sewer system infrastructure that would promote higher density residential or commercial development. We have a large gopher tortoise population and a thriving sea turtle nesting season that would be jeopardized by overdevelopment and potentially by large scale machinery brought in to run sewer pipes, install holding tanks, and crush existing septic systems. To my knowledge, there have been no studies of the water quality in this service area that prove contamination from the current septic systems. The county ordinance requires inspection and pumping of septic system at regular intervals and there have been no documented septic system failures. The homeowners on Palm Island have a deep respect for the environment and strive to maintain its health. We place a high priority on the maintenance of our septic systems. There is no guarantee that conversion to a sewer system will eliminate nitrate and phosphate contamination, as evidenced by the contamination documented in Rotunda. There is also the risk of a sewage leak into surrounding waterways which would be more catastrophic than an isolated septic system failure.

Until the need for conversion from septic to sewer on Palm Island is supported by water quality testing, I do not see the rush to grant EU permission to develop a private sewer system. I have not seen any concrete data showing the feasibility and cost of such a project. I do not believe EU has the technical expertise to undertake a sewer project. I strongly believe that if such a project is deemed necessary for environmental reasons, that it should be constructed and managed by Charlotte County, not a private company that has not determined costs of hook-up and maintenance and that will not be regulated to ensure that we Charlotte County residents will be charged fair and equitable rates as compared with other residents of the county. In addition, it is my understanding that the pump requires electricity, which is frequently disrupted on this island for long periods of time. This could cause sewage back-up. Disruption of the existing septic tanks on the island may require destruction of mature landscaping which in turn will affect wildlife on the island. I am also against the easement EU has requested that would go from the sewer equipment close to my home to the road. I have strong concerns regarding EU's ability to provide emergency service for sewer system issues, particularly on a barrier island only accessible by ferry from 6:30 am to 10 pm. Please, before rushing into such a large project with a private company without experience in sewer system construction, deny EU's application for wastewater service until you are presented with more data showing the need for such service and the cost for the installation and maintenance of such service.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Gruneiro M.D.

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**From:** Candyce Cohen <candycecohen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 9:04 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners Clark, LaRosa and Passidomo,

Thank you for your efforts to review the application of Environmental Utilities LLC to provide sewer service to the barrier islands of Charlotte County. I know hearing from so many experts and the lived experience of island residents takes a lot of time and I wanted to share how much your service and attention is appreciated.

I have been a full-time resident of Don Pedro Island for 27 years (and part-time before that!) and strongly request the EU application be denied as (1) the need for service has not been demonstrated, (2) the risk of an inexperienced provider having one mistake can be catastrophic to our environment and (3) the proposed solution has holding tanks which need to be pumped out regularly MUCH LIKE the existing personal septic tanks. Having reviewed the number and frequency of sewage spills in the county over the past few years, I am even more concerned about an inexperienced, non-governmental, for-profit LLC trying to take on this project.

I am requesting that you confirm the staff recommendation and **DENY** the application made by Environmental Utilities LLC and again thank you very much for your service.

Respectfully,

Candy

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