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From: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Environmental Utilities docket #01071

Good afternoon,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200226.

Thank you.

From: Courtney DeFilippis <palmislandcourtney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 1:52 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>
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Dear Commissioners,

I was just notified that Environmental Utilities was denied a certificated area thus unable to provide wastewater to the barrier islands in my area.

I recently purchased a gulf front piece of land on Little Gasparilla Island and fully intended to connect to waste water when we build our home.

My family has lived on both Palm Island and currently living on Little Gasparilla and we've seen in person, numerous times, the septic drain fields over flowing throughout the islands....during storms and high tides and to the point we literally have to wade through feces to get to and from our homes.

Also, it is well known and fully understood to islanders when they sign their septic permits that they/we will be required to connect to sewer once available....I believe this is why there have not been requests for new wastewater service....we already know it is imminent.

In addition, I have sold real estate on both of these islands for nearly 18 years....the majority of my customers want, expect and know there is a need for a conversion to sewer from the failing septic systems now in place and that we live in an area where it is critical to our environment to change our failing infrastructure.

We are terribly disappointed to hear of this denial and sincerely hope you reconsider this decision. Please don't let the loud minority ruin this for the rest of us.

Sincerely,
Courtney and Matthew DeFilippis

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