

Yvette Gillespie

From: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20240032
Attachments: Docket #20240032; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Denial of Docket #20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU; FW: Docket #20240032-SU ; Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket # 20240032-SU; DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU; Waste Water Application by EU; Docket# 20240032-SU. No Sewer Please!; Fwd: Docket #20240032-SU; RE.Docket# 20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU; legal notice from Environmental Utilities for Sewer on Palm Island

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20240032.

Thank you.

Yvette Gillespie

From: Kathysickles <kathysickles@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:58 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20240032

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Sent from my iPad

Kathleen Sickles
130 Kettle Harbor Drive
Placida FL 33946
Don Pedro Island
Kathysickles@optonline.net

I am writing to object to Environmental Utilities LLC and their certification for a central sewer system. I strongly oppose the need for sewers on our islands. I have been on Don Pedro island for twenty years in two different homes and have never had any problems with the septic systems. I am retired and on a budget that would not be able to handle the added expenses involved in this project. There has not been any environmental problems caused by having septic systems, but I fear the altering of our properties and streets needed to complete this project would have a devastating effect on our environment. We are a quiet community extremely interested in preserving its natural beauty and do not need a disruption for something totally unnecessary.

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From: Dale Novak <dnovak@novakcreative.net>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:46 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; ommissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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April 8th, 2024

Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU)
Application to the Public Service Commission (PSC)
Installation of central sewer on the Islands of Don Pedro, Knight and Palm Island.

Dear Commissioners:

Once again, here we are with another attempt by Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) to force-feed a central sewer system on the residents of the barrier islands of Don Pedro, Knight and Palm Island. As you know this was previously rejected by the Public Service Commission.

I find it to be highly agitating that I need to spend my time to once again address this outrageous proposal by the EU. There is absolutely no regard at any level for the residents of this island and their respective property rights. I find this entire process to be egregious and potentially unlawful.

The points made by the residents of these barrier islands still remain:

1. There is no environmental need for this system. Our water quality is not impacted by the “part-time” use of the septic systems on these islands. Any water quality issues are the product of nutrient releases coming from Lake Okeechobee.
2. The residents of the island will not voluntarily connect to the system and I can assure you that legal battles will be vigorously fought with as much publicity as we can forge.
3. Residents would be forced to give up the sovereign property rights without compensation. A potential “taking” under the laws of Florida. More legal challenges.
4. Residents would be forced to pay massive fees to hook up to the system with no regard to each islanders ability to pay these fees. The application shows \$12,000 for the initial hook up plus another \$1,097 for the connection to a home. This will cause financial hardships for many of our fellow islanders especially as we continue to be deeply effected by the damage caused by hurricane Ian.
5. The suggested monthly costs (\$263.57/month for wastewater service alone) are easily five times the average sewer bill in the State of Florida which stands at \$61.24 for 4,000 gallons of use. And, that state-wide figure INCLUDES the water bill. The EU’s cost would ONLY be for sewer.

6. The cost of decommissioning the current septic systems would also be placed on the residents. Adding another financial burden to the residents, especially considering that many of these septic systems have been updated and inspected and are operating within all county codes.
7. Cost of new electrical service for the system, again, to burden the homeowners with the costs and fees with no consideration of the excessive financial burdens placed on us.
8. Possible need for a costly generator to “assist” the EU’s sewer proposal in the event of a power outage (which is frequent) and storm issues so that raw sewage doesn’t back up into our homes. An issue that we do not have at this time. More burdens with no regards to our ability to pay or the disruption to our lives.
9. We are in a “rural service area” as defined by the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan mandates on-site septic systems for the Rural Service Area, not a privately owned for-profit central system. There is no need for this system.
10. The EU has no experience, at any level, with a project such as this one. This is a bold money grab. It’s extortion. The sewer system that will be poorly designed, poorly executed, embedded with failures and will deteriorate our quality of life. The likelihood that the company will fail is more likely than it succeeding – creating an entirely new issue for the residents.
11. The disruption to our roads and right of ways will create turmoil for many years. The project will be unsightly, cause natural water flow issues, and cause irreparable harm to many of the native species, especially the protected Gopher Tortoise.
12. Lastly, and I really need to only make this one final point. It’s all about money. It always is.

We vehemently oppose and object to this proposal by the EU and demand that the County Commissioners of Charlotte County support the voices of those who will be directly impacted by this ill-conceived proposal over that of a for-profit private company with only their financial interest in mind.

Regards,

Dale & Julie Novak
611 Bocilla Drive
Full time residents
Don Pedro Island
920-664-1088

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From: Brian Fredley <bfredley@bpfdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Alexis Martin Yoga; pie@palmislandestates.org
Subject: Denial of Docket #20240032-SU

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Attention: Clerk of the Commission

Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

Property Owner: Brian P Fredley – Alexis Martin - Spirit Quest Family Revocable Trust

Property Address: 311 Bocilla Drive, Placida, FL 33946

Barrier Island: Don Pedro Island / Bocilla Island

Owner Email: bfredley@bpfdesign.com

Memo: We are vigilantly opposed to the denial of the Docket #20240032-SU

There is no evidence that this proposed service is needed for the island or property owners. The current septic systems that are on each owner's fee simple property are all permitted under the statutes of Florida and the Florida Building Code. All the properties on the island require the review and permitting from the Department of Environmental Protection to develop these septic systems to insure they are compliant with regards to perk rates, elevation, proximity to bodies of water and total make up. As a result, there is tremendous investment by each landowner to install and maintain their system. There is no advantage of abandoning this permitted, well working and non-problematic system that is in place.

The cost recovery of this sewer system would be passed on to the residents that would be forced to connect. The cost is estimated to be approx. \$ 13-14,000 per property and most do not have the resources to pay for this, not to mention the estimated \$ 265 monthly cost for the utility. Moreover, there would be additional costs to pumping out the existing septic systems or removal, cost of electrical for lift stations, if needed. Lastly, with the potential hurricanes, we currently can maintain our own systems with power outages since these are all gravity systems. With the potential for power outages during storm events; lift station sewer systems would have devastating backups unless generators could be employed, yet another cost to owners.

The environmental impact of bringing a sewer service on to the island would be devastating to the habitat and the individual properties, to say the least. There is an endangered species of animals on this island that should not be disturbed including Gopher Tortoise. We see and experience this wildlife on a daily basis on these properties. In addition, it would require each property owner to give up private property rights with easements. These easements would be where the heavy construction would occur and there would be substantial loss of trees, vegetation, widening roads and habitat. Finally, heavy equipment, traffic congestion and chaos would be occurring to try to do this project on our sand roads.

This island is not a high-density development zoning. Providing sewer encourages rezoning and lobbying to attempt to achieve higher density developments on this pristine barrier island. We are sincerely asking PSC to deny the EU's application for wastewater service. Moreover, this request is unjustified and unwarranted. There is no logical reason to

impact the island and all the properties with a private system that everyone is opposed to and destroy this natural Florida habitat. We are pleading with you to help protect our properties and this barrier island from this development and the domino of future development. There is a hidden agenda for this request, and we urge you to understand what this is.

There are very few natural barrier islands remaining in Florida; that are remarkably untouched, as this one is. This happens to be one of them.

We encourage you to visit our island before making any sort of decision and see for yourself the type of habitat and community we have. I will personally give you a tour of the island to show you these points made above and many more if given the opportunity,

Please call me on my cell to schedule or discuss, 386/212-9206

Thank you, Brian

Brian P. Fredley, President



207 Fairview Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

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From: Carol Spyerer <carolcms@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Docket # 20240032-SU

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This letter is to confirm that I did not request sewer service to 9274 Little Gasparilla Island or in any way approve of this private, for profit sewer service. I am asking that you deny EU's application for waste water service due to the timing, expense and easement issues.

At this present time my electrical lines have been on the ground since Hurricane Ian.

Our road has been destroyed by heavy equipment by contractors which repair relies on the homeowner.

Repairs to my damaged uninhabitable home is still in progress along with fighting insurance company. Many of my neighbors are still uninhabitable, awaiting repairs or a rebuild, even docks.

Out of pocket expenses for repairs are triple the mainland prices causing more out of pocket expenses. Sewer prices are unrealistic too.

The added expense of the sewer service and keeping it maintained preventing sewer back up (which is more damage) is daunting. Hard to keep anything electrical running at LGI.

Workers have to be personally brought back and forth to LGI for repairs.

Debris removal is expensive and we do not get help from the county for trash removal or have available containers near.

Water service to date is unpredictable, causing pink film in toilet water and has a dirty color. So how can a sewer system be maintained privately?

Drinking water is brought from the mainland which is an added expense.

Right now there is a wait list to even get your septic pumped, and price includes barge and added expenses. Triple mainland prices.

The septic company said that for future pumps the easement would have to be cleared from the over growth of trees that property owners have planted into the road easement that no one governs.

Easements that are platted should not be the expense of all homeowners to clear.

Please do not allow this docket to pass. Especially as a private – for profit endeavor until further environmental testing and infrastructure is in place at the expense of the private owner requesting this septic to sewer application.

Maybe the commissioners can take a field trip to the island to understand my concerns before voting on this Docket #20240032-SU.

Please hear our concerns and issues,

Carol Speyerer
9274 LGI
carolcms@verizon.net

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From: Carol Spyerer <carolcms@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; 'Commissioner'; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: FW: Docket #20240032-SU

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From: Carol Spyerer <carolcms@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 8:49 AM
To: clerk@psc.state.fl.us
Cc: Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us
Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us; Commissioner Graham: Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us;
'Commissioner Fay:' <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>
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From: Raymond Purdy <raymondpurdy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 10:59 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Public Service Commissioner LaRosa,

The only information I have is a legal notice from Environmental Utilities, LLC... catchy name intended to gain favor, I'm sure. I prefer to call it what it is, a legal notice from private citizen Jack Boyer.

I was raised to know the difference between right and wrong and when something sounds wrong, it probably is. Why on earth would a private individual, in this case Jack Boyer, think he can send me some sort of unsolicited legal notice telling me what he is going to do on my property and no mention of how much I'm going to pay him to do it (initial and continuing costs)? Jack has never approached me with his idea. He has not asked me for my support, he has not showed me his plan, he has not requested my permission for access to my property, and he has not told me it was going to cost me anything. **Importantly, he has not told me why he thinks I need his service. Just as importantly, Jack makes no mention that he is responsible for removing my current service if his service is forced upon me.** Note: my septic permit, #08-SM-944053, is dated 02/21/2024, it is a brand new system. Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, and I'm sure Jack has his, but I too have a right to my opinion and as it stands now, I have no reason to believe I need Jack's service.

Jack is proposing nothing more than a massive tax on my property for a service I do not need. Is this even legal? The free state of Florida needs to see Jack's plan for what it truly is, a private individual looking for financial gain at the expense of private property owners who are not asking for his service. Therefore, I call on all Commissioners of the Public Service Commission in the free state of Florida to shut Jack Boyer's plan down IMMEDIATELY.

Respectfully,

Ray Purdy, Maj, USAF, ret

Owner: 9888 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida, FL 33946

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Cape Coral, FL 33993

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From: terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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> My Name is Terry Kent
> 470 Bocilla Dr.
> Don Pedro Island
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> Up front I want to voice my opinion on why we do not want a sewer at this present time.
>
> After reading over the proposal my first comment is "This proposal is a solution looking for a problem."
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> Why I am against this:
> A. I do not believe at this time we have a problem on sewerage that needs addressing. No proven reason why we need it.
> B. If we need a sewer that should be up to the county to address and to tax us accordingly .
> C. Uncertain Hook-up Cost:
> D. No contract...normally for this type of construction there is a general bid. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer.
> E. No performance bond required.
> F. EU has not shown that he has the expertise for this type of project.
> G. The scope of this project would be large...disruption of traffic flow on the island would be horrible. We are accessed only by ferry.
> H. No compensation for the easements that would be from the house to the road.
>
> Commissioner, I would ask that you deny this 1/2 baked idea be shelved until we have a problem that needs to be solved. And not let someone who thinks we have a problem for him to solve. Please deny the EU application.
>
> Thank you,
> Terry Kent

Yvette Gillespie

From: KALLEN112@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:31 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; 'commissoner.clark@psc.state.fl.us'; 'commissoner.graham@psc.state.fl.us'; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

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Dear Clerk of the Commission,

I respectfully request you to DENY Environmental Utilities (EU) application for installation of a central sewer on Don Pedro Island. As a resident at 331 Bocilla Dr, Placida, FL (Don Pedro Island) this is the SECOND request to DENY EU's application. It is unfortunate that they even filed another application after they were denied the first time. This is a waste of tax dollars in our community and the Public Service Commission's time.

I have not requested a sewer to be installed on our property, much less the island. There is NO NEED for this service as property has septic system. I do not want the added expenses of installing a sewer system and losing easements on my property. I do not want the system on the island much less close to my home. The costs alone for installing a private sewer from a private company would make us reconsider our residency on Don Pedro Island.

A privately owned sewer utility would be detrimental to the island for costs, traffic, environmental concerns, and the event that the company forfeits their business and "closes up shop".

PLEASE DENY ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES application to install a central sewer on Don Pedro Island.

Respectfully,
Kelley Allen

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From: Dale L. Price <dcp3912@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 3:19 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Waste Water Application by EU

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docket # 20240032-SU,

Please deny EU's application for Waste Water service. There is no need for the service, environmentally or otherwise. We have concerns about probable high- density developments, the costs involved, and probable traffic congestion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dale and Carol Price
8428 and 8430 Little Gasparilla Island
dcp3912@gmail.com
3912 16th Ave. W.
Bradenton, FL 34205

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From: Kelly Lube <lubekelly@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; commissioner.grham@psc.state.fl.us; commissioner.Fay@psc.state.us
Subject: Docket#20240032-SU. No Sewer Please!

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Hello Commissioners! "If its working, it doesn't need fixin"

Please, please...Our little island oasis community would not benefit from a private central sewer company. Just the costs alone will burden us. We just went thru hurricane Ian and many residents are still battling with insurance companies and insurance increases along with the rising costs of living. Our septic system work fine. If we were to go thru another big storm, we wouldn't be able to use the toilets without electricity (this is the type of sewer that is being proposed). During the hurricane, we were without electricity for almost 2 weeks, but most residents were living out of their homes without electricity, and trying to clean up what we could. I can't imagine what would have happened if we were not able to use our toilets as we were during the last storm. Would a private sewer company have to come put porta potties throughout the community? If that happened, I think more people would start peeing in the woods or off the docks.

My understanding is we would have to dig up our current septic tank and replace it with another tank; The cost of this alone and replacing our natural wildlife friendly landscaping, would put a big toll on our pocketbook. I also worry about the impact of all of this possible construction on our fragile ecosystem. The island recently became a national wildlife Federation certified community wildlife habitat. We have an abundance of wildlife including gopher tortoises, that would be impacted with the digging up of and putting pipes into the ground. Our island is also assessable only by a barge. Bringing over heavy equipment that will be holding up the barge line and blocking our narrow streets, for who knows how long is not we would want to deal with.

I have not heard about any studies where our septic is impacting the lemon bay aquatic preserve, so I'm not sure why this issue is being brought up once again. To me, it's about someone wanting to make money and not caring about the impact to the wildlife and the community as a whole. The person wanting to start this private business does not live in our community. Please, please....JUST SAY NO!

Kelly Lubē

Resident of Don Pedro Island
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Lubekelly@yahoo.com
Sent from my iPad

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From: Gil Collver <gil.collver@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:36 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Fwd: Docket #20240032-SU
Attachments: Docket #20240032-SU

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Gil

From: Microsoft Outlook <MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@sct-15-20-4755-11-msonline-outlook-e8f36.templateTenant>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:31:23 PM
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Commissioner.Passidomo@pcs.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Passidomo@pcs.state.fl.us>;
Commissioner.Fay@pcs.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Fay@pcs.state.fl.us>
Subject: Undeliverable: Docket #20240032-SU

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Commissioner.LaRosa@pcs.state.fl.us

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From: Wayne Ator <wator@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:01 PM
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Cc: Cassie Ator; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: RE.Docket#20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioners, we are writing to voice our opposition to EU's application to provide service to Palm Island. We feel it is very important for the county to realize the uniqueness of our situation. To begin it has not been determined that sewers are needed. Also, we have no confidence in the contractor you are considering for a project of this magnitude. It worries us of unforeseen destruction of our fragile wildlife habitats. The costs at a time when we are barely able to recover from damages of Ian. Not to mention the current plan to increase our insurance rates. Then who do you think is having to pay the exorbitant future monthly sewer fee.? We feel the county pushes our interests aside and turns a deaf ear to our needs. Please consider this a plea to think of your constituents wishes.

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Yvette Gillespie

From: Paul Sarofim <psarofim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:55 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket # 20240032-SU

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To Clerk of the Commission:

My name is Paul Sarofim and I own 9254 Little Gasparilla Island, which is within the proposed sewer service area for Little Gasparilla Island. **I am formally objecting to the sewer proposal and request that the PSC deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) for a central sewer system for Little Gasparilla Island.**

The proposed connection charges for the sewer system have ranged from \$11,000 to \$20,000 and it does not appear that sufficient engineering studies have been conducted to verify the pricing provided is even needed or justified. The proposed monthly sewer charges are VERY high compared to other utility rates. For the residents of Little Gasparilla Island, we already pay high monthly rates for the water system. I currently pay around \$75 per month for water with little water usage. Adding the proposed monthly sewer charges would bring the monthly water and sewer charges to over \$250 a month which is a ridiculous monthly charge for water and sewer compared to other local utilities.

With the 300 +/- homes on LGI, most being vacation rentals, I would assume that usage would be <50% of normal usage, thus the lack of need for a central sewer system, especially one being implemented by EU.

In conclusion, due to the lack of technical expertise of the applicant, and inability to provide fair and equitable rates, I formally request that Environmental Utilities, LLC Application to provide sewer service to Little Gasparilla Island be denied.

Sincerely,

Paul Sarofim

Property Owner: 9254 Little Gasparilla Island

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From: Mike Beukema <Mike@westraconst.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:35 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us ; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: legal notice from Environmental Utilities for Sewer on Palm Island

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Good afternoon Commissioners. My name is Michael Beukema. I have a home at 480 Bocilla Dr on Palm Island. I am writing you today to request that you DENY the request from Environmental Utilities, LLC. For the installation of Central sewer on Palm Island. I strongly object to this project for many reasons. I am the owner / President of a local Underground Utility / General Construction company. My company has been in business here in West Florida since 1977. I strongly believe when it comes to critical infrastructure and roadways that it be built / run and maintained by our local Governments.

Since 1977 my company has converted many failed or sold private utility owners sewer lift stations and water facilities over to Manatee and Sarasota County and upgrade those systems to meet the County standards. Transportation, power, and water/ wastewater facilities are public goods that are needed to ensure that a nation runs smoothly and that citizens' basic needs are met. Charlotte County already has the Wastewater Treatment facilities to treat the sewer from Palm Island if and when it is has been deemed that sewer services is needed. There is no need to reinvent the wheel here. I personally have not seen a water quality report that would deem it necessary. If there is such a study done that suggests the need for sewer, then I would highly recommend that Chalotte County own and operate it. I question EU's experience in owning and operating a sewer facility and its infrastructure.

From a contractor who has built 10 -20 million gallon Wastewater Treatment Facilities, I can tell you that it is no easy task to run and maintain. I am also concerned that EU as a private for profit company lacking any competitive pricing, where as if the county would own and operate it there is an economy of scale with there existing facilities to minimize the costs.

That being said I am opposed to the project without a proven need for the service. There has been no evidence that supports a need for the service. The last time this subject cam up, Expert witnesses at the Administrative hearing refuted EU's arguments. Again no water quality testing has been done to suggest the need for the service.

I bought on the island over 10 years ago and have been visiting the island for over 25 years. What make Palm Island a special place is it uniqueness. The sandy roads, the slowed pace of life, the beautiful habitat and animals. Please consider the repercussions of high density development and the impact of the sewer. Our barrier islands are in the Rural Service Area. The Comp Plan mandates on-site septic systems for the Rural Service Area. So why would a privately owned utility be acceptable?

- Has there been an water quality / environmental study done on the impact of the current septic systems?
- EU's lack of experience in owning and running a sewer system should be a major concern.
- The impact to the island during construction would be tremendous. My company has installed over 1.1 million liner feet of utility pipe in West Central Florida. Installing the sewer system on Palm Island would be very unique / tedious and a major impact to the Island, its residents and the right of way and more so the traffic not to mention the impact to the Island itself.

- The impact to the environment from the proposed construction would be a large concern. The destructive nature of construction will highly likely have a negative impact on the gopher tortoise population.
- My company has installed gravity sewer/ Vacuum Sewer and Low pressure force mains throughout Manatee, Sarasota and Englewood water district. There would be an immense price tag for such a system to be installed on a barrier island with ingress/egress by means of a barge.
- COST, COST, COST!

Please consider the impact to our Island community and DENY EU's request for sewer.

Respectfully,

Michael Beukema

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