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Good afternoon William D. and Melba J. Irby,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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Am I mistaken or has the PSC previously rejected this application after homeowner public hearings indicated serious negative issues with this applicant and the project as a whole? Considerable expense has already been encountered by homeowners objecting to the proposed Waste Water Certificate award to EU.

Has D.E.P. determined that a sewer system is the only way to manage the Island's sanitation problem? Home owners have not experienced problems or requested changes to the current system.

In my opinion it would be a major disservice to Island residents to award a project of this magnitude to a private contractor. Let alone a contractor with no experience in an undertaking of this scope and effect on homeowner financial

responsibility. Approval of a waste water only approach itself is a major mistake when attempting to install and maintain such a system on a barrier island with only access by barge.

The inherent installation costs for replacing old septic systems and future maintenance pumping are prohibitively expensive for Island residents as preliminary estimates have shown. If sanitation issues cannot be avoided by enforcing the current requirements for safe septic systems, the only sensible approach would be full sewage disposal under the auspices of Charlotte county with a one time hookup fee and use rates comparable to those on the mainland. The technical design, installation and financial requirements must be under the control of Charlotte County.

We are 30 year residents and homeowners who have had no problems with our septic system. Please don't price us off the Island. We strongly request that this application for a waste water certificate application be denied.

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