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Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, John Adams.

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

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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Dear Sirs,

I am John Adams, the Managing Partner of Shere Properties, LLC which owns Unit B at 221 North Gulf Boulevard that is affected by the proposed central sewer system on Don Pedro Island and I am writing to **object to the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization** that is the subject of **Docket #20240032-SU** and to formally ask that the Florida Public Service Commission **deny** Environmental Utilities, LLC application for a wastewater certificate.

My **arguments in opposition** to the application by Environmental Utilities, LLC for a wastewater certificate for a central sewer, are as follows:

- 1) Neither myself nor any other homeowner on Don Pedro island have requested a central sewer.

- 2) Equally, the need for such a service has not yet been demonstrated and no water quality testing has been done in the proposed service area to prove the need for sewer.
- 3) This proposed project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with island wildlife and in particular to endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
- 4) The environmental risk aspects of such a system have not been evaluated and the risk of a major central sewer leak with a subaqueous crossing is greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing minor leaks.
- 5) The applicant has ZERO technical experience of installing and managing such an undertaking. In addition, the applicant has not addressed how the system will be serviced in the event of failure during a storm or other adverse conditions nor how sewage back-up into homes will be prevented in times of disruption of power or service. Additionally there is no proposed grandfathering of septic systems regardless of age or condition.
- 6) The financial experience of the applicant's management is extremely poor and, it has been reported, comprises an individual that is a discharged bankrupt therefore there is a high risk of financial failure.
- 7) The applicant is not a contractor that has won a bid to install a sewer and therefore there is no "contract" and no single point of general oversight neither is there a performance bond required and so customers will have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.
- 8) The rates proposed by the applicant are excessive and far in excess of those currently being paid by like communities and are approximately double those that a ratepayer on the mainland in Rotonda pays per month for water and wastewater combined.

I believe Charlotte County and the State need to re-evaluate this whole project and, should it ultimately be proven to be necessary, a Utility District should be established to Install and operate any recommended system rather than Environmental Utilities, LLC, which is a private, for-profit start-up company.

Regards,

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