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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:00 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
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Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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**From:** makboland@twc.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 11:49 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; jandjadler@aol.com  
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April 23, 2024

Dear Clerk of Commission,

I have been a homeowner on Palm Island (250 N. Gulf Blvd, 33946) since 1980. My name is John W. Adler; my wife is JoAnn S. Adler. I am homesteaded to that lot and 271 N Gulf Blvd. I am addressing the issue (as I did in the past) to the idea of **Environmental Utilities, LLC** (EU) putting in a sewage system on Palm Island. My email address is [jandjadler@aol.com](mailto:jandjadler@aol.com) (copied); my daughter (Kathleen Adler Boland) is sending this from her email for my convenience.

I could appeal to you from an emotional standpoint that this is our family home for generations, which we will have to sell if you do this as it would be unsustainable for our family especially after having the expense of hurricane repairs that were not covered by insurance.

With that said, my son in law, (married to my daughter for 29 years) owns industrial engineering companies that manage the southeast (including Kentucky/Indiana/ Tennessee/Georgia/Alabama/Florida) that sell a multitude of pneumatics and pumps including those to wastewater plants. From an environmental/engineering aspect he thinks it is unnecessary for a multitude of reasons:

- i. Being at sea level will not only create a danger of a break and deterioration to a line thus creating more expense to repair/replace for the home owner but also create a larger scale of environmental issues than a broken septic would. In some cities there are insurance policies for protection but we have seen how those have played out over Hurricane Ian.
- ii. Septic systems are also environmentally friendly when properly maintained. Septic systems require far less infrastructure than city sewers. They use less energy than municipal treatment plants and very rarely rely on chemicals to remove wastewater pollutants. Septic systems are systems designed to conserve the local water supplies in an environment like Palm Island and Don Pedro Island. Moreover, septic systems create a groundwater effect that reinvigorates the soil and vegetation water supply.

There is a contingent of families that still have current descendants actively on the island that perpetuate the need for balance of nature and limitations for expansion on the island. My family saw some of the first children there who spent every summer there, swam in canals, found red snakes in their little blow-up boat, saw the beached whale, saw the overpopulation and made friends. These 50 plus year children now have their children (my grandchildren/great nieces and nephews) visiting and to take on the hard work so they too can appreciate the good life and extend the vision. We created a community where we support local businesses and contractors (despite a little more expense) because it is a community of trust. On June 12, 2024 I will turn 88. My daughters and granddaughters are entrusted with trying to restore and maintain my property such that hopefully

it will be something where my great-grand children will be able to explore and maintain the traditions. It is a small community of originals.

**If you can provide reasoning as to why the sewage installation is necessary (even though it was denied the last time) can you please provide a reply with your rationale?**

**In conclusion, my septic tank has been there for well over 40 years next to a canal and has survived hurricanes and floods with no issue. As the old adage goes “If it ain’t broke don’t fix it”. We kindly request that you deny EU’s application for wastewater service.**

Sincerely,  
John W. Adler and JoAnn S. Adler

Also BCC:

Kathleen Adler Boland (daughter of John and JoAnn Adler; spends significant time on Palm Island working on the house)

Michael A. Boland (my son in law; President/Owner Eagle Investment Partners; DBA Republic Pneumatics/Eagle Flow Solutions. He is cited in this letter who works with wastewater treatment plants)

Lisa Steinberg Lawlor (homeowners on Palm Island, niece of John and JoAnn Adler/cousin to Kathleen and Kerry)

John Lawlor (homeowner on Palm Island, “nephew in law”/husband of Lisa Steinberg Lawlor)