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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
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To: Commissioner Correspondence
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Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: 510 N Gulf LLC <510ngulfllc@gmail.com>
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I represent **TWO** individuals from 510 N. Gulf Blvd, Palm Island. We are **VERY** opposed to a private individual, with no previous utilities management, assuming control over the island's sewer system. Being under the control of a single individual with no general oversight would leave the islanders with no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

To further elaborate on the costs, many property owners simply do not have the resources available to convert from septic to sewer and are perfectly happy with the status quo. According to the application, the initial connection fee will be \$12,000. There is an additional \$1,097 "Sewer Lateral Connection" fee to run the pipe from the road to the location of the equipment near our home. There is also an initial deposit required of \$414, which is identified as two times the estimated monthly bill. Personally, we have just spent a half a million dollars to repair the damage incurred by Hurricane Ian. Pardon the pun, but the well is dry. We simply cannot afford this extra expense, much less the projected ongoing monthly costs.

And finally, there has been no evidence provided that supports a need for this service in the proposed island area. Expert witnesses at the last Administrative Hearing refuted the arguments that EU put forward supporting the need for service. And the Final Order released by the PSC stated: "noting the level of opposition to EU's proposal by its prospective customers, we find that customers are highly unlikely to voluntarily connect to EU's system." As mentioned above, we are happy with the status quo and do not wish to convert to a sewer system.

There are so many other reasons why this project shouldn't happen, and I am sure you will hear them all. Please listen!!!!

Thank you for your consideration,

Martha Duncan and Maggie Thompson, registered owners of 510 N. Gulf Blvd.