

**Charlie Smith**

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 11:25 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20240032  
**Attachments:** Copy of letter sent to Charlotte County Commissioners

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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**From:** Linda C <lcotherman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 24, 2024 7:24 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Fay; Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us  
**Cc:** Major Thompson; Daniel Dose  
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Commissioner

By now you will probably have received over 100 emails from property owners on the bridgeless barrier islands addressing their opposition to mandatory private sewer. This will come at a cost far exceeding CCU rates and not within the “affordability “ criteria as stated in the adopted Sewer Master Plan.

At the heart of this outcry is Resolution 2023-155 that was passed by the Board in support of only one unproven private-for-profit company, Environmental Utilities, run by one particular individual. This individual appears to have lobbied the Commissioners for this official act and assisted in writing it. This is certainly not a good look.

This private utility may be forced upon the island residents because of your support. We did not choose to purchase property that was serviced by a private company. ( Think Sandhaven on the mainland or Palm Island Resort here)

While we understand the County support of sewer, it has been the history of the County to provide this service and the County has historically had to acquire existing private utilities, at a great cost over the years (think Rotonda)

With that said, it is hoped that the Commissioners will at the minimum amend this particular Resolution to remove any reference to Environmental Utilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, Linda  
Cotherman

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