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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:27 AM
To: 'Dale Novak'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Morning, Dale Novak.

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!

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Dear Commissioners:

I'm am writing you today in opposition to the Private Sewer Project being proposed by Environmental Utilities (EU). Docket #20240032-SU.

While there are dozens of reason to oppose this "for profit" system such as the massive cost (estimated to be over \$40,000 per property owner), the proven and documented rate of failure of these systems, the ridiculously unqualified "zero experience" credentials of the EU – and the main fact, that there is absolutely no reason (scientific or otherwise) that we need this in our community. One predominantly comes to mind at this time.

As a barrier island community we have been ravaged by three hurricanes, Ian, Helene and Milton. Many of the Islanders are still making repairs and battling insurance companies for desperately needed payments. We are reeling from debris and disrupted roads and doing everything we can collectively to get our lives on these precious islands back to “normal.” The process has been slow and enormously costly to the homeowners. But we have been resilient, rolled up our sleeves and collectively gone to work.

Now, in the mist of that, we have another battle on our hands for a private sewer project the vast majority of Islanders don’t want – and more importantly – we DON’T need.

To suggest that in the middle of all the chaos of repairs and cost associated with them, Charlotte County and the EU want to kick us some more and force-feed this project down our throats is absolutely appalling. Evidently, they must believe the every homeowner on our island(s) has \$40,000 (+) to just casually write a check for on top of the massive cost of repairing our islands and homes.

What happens, I respectfully ask, when homeowners can’t pay these outrageous and utterly ridiculous cost and fees for a private sewer system that seems to have no limits as to how much it will cost each homeowner? Will Charlotte County and the EU start taking each of us to court? Will the County apply a lien on our properties? Will owners be forced to sell — at any cost?

Beat us when we’re down. Kick us some more. Who cares what we are dealing with with regards to repairing our islands and homes. It’s more important that we force an unwanted “private for profit” project on us and destroy our finances and moral spirit – even to the point that some homeowners will be forced to sell their homes.

To put this in personal terms – I ask each of you? Do you and your family have \$40,000, and potentially much more depending on the circumstances of each installation, to casually spend on on your home’s plumbing system?

It just seems to me that not only is this massively opposed project not needed and widely opposed, but the timing of it couldn’t be worse for us and our island community.

Put yourselves in our shoes.

Respectfully,

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