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Good Morning:

Please this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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Dear Commissioners,

I was unable to make it in person to the meeting on January 28, 2025 but watched/listened (and again for approximately 3.5 hours today, January 29, 2025). The meeting on January 28, 2025 started at 5:30 PM EST at which point I tuned into the link to ensure my feed would display sound and video properly (only to discover it was starting); the meeting was started earlier than announced. There were a significant number of residences and owners against it that could not make it due to work schedules. Courtesy copied are those in my closest circle that are homeowners/have ties to the island (blind copied are those who do not know I am sending this to you). You need to deny EU from building this sewer system. We have my our septic system pumped every couple of years (by SOS Septic) and we are there about 7 days a month at max (for two of us). Our septic was

intact after Ian, Helene and Milton; despite Milton washing away the complete underside our family home (tool and golf cart shed-probably about \$30K worth of tools and golf cart etc;). In addition, we had pipes broken under the house for which we were fortunate enough to have complete strangers post on FB about the leak the next day and shut off the water for us (Linda Cotherman). I have never met her in person but I owe her a lot. Our septic tank was never breached in all three storms.

We support local businesses/contactors, get our permits, pay property taxes and vote.

Below was my first letter sent on September 2, 2024. The second letter (attached) was emailed on December 15, 2024.

We strongly oppose the sewer.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Adler Boland

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Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 10:59 PM

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Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SUjlawlor

To whom it may concern,

I am the daughter of homeowners (John and Joann Adler) on Palm Island (250 N. Gulf Blvd, 33946) since 1980. My parents also own 231 and 260 N. Guld Blvd. The home/property has an established trust to my sister and me.

On behalf of my family, I am addressing the issue (as my father did in the past) to the idea of Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) putting in a system on Palm Island. This is a “for profit” company which is unacceptable since what is currently in place (septic systems) work for those that maintain them and would be an undue burden on the homeowners that have supported the economy for decades.

One week after Hurricane Ian my husband and I drove from Louisville, KY to the island with a trailer full of supplies (4 generators, chainsaws, a giant cooler with food and cases of water). This island means everything to our family and should you choose to believe the homeowners are able to pay another \$40,000 per lot after the expenses associated with rebuilding from Hurricane Ian that just says you are not interested in the value of the commodity of those willing to pitch in on the island. In our case this would cost us \$120,000. We support local companies with reconstruction of our property, restaurants, Ace Hardware, Publix; those were the first four that came to mind and I could go on I am not citing the names of those they really benefited from Hurricane Ian, which included construction,

landscaping, and roof replacement; we paid out of pocket and we paid our bills on time (and have loans).

We already invested over \$300K for repairs from Hurricane Ian. We are asking that you have some mercy and at least to postpone this until we have time to recover. We are paying loans off for the emergency money we needed to restore our family's home that my father built in 1980.

My husband, (Michael Boland) owns industrial engineering distribution 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. He works on project like these. He works with the core of engineers in the state of KY on the Ohio River Valley. He understands the fragility of the environment.

- i. Being at sea level will not only create a significant danger due to a breakage and more deterioration to a line thus creating more expense to repair/replace for the home owner. In some cities there are insurance policies for protection but we have seen how those have played out over Hurricane Ian. Long and short you are increasing more risk to the homeowner than necessary.
- ii. Septic systems are also environmentally good 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.

Lastly, but most importantly, on Palm Island there is a contingent of my family members and friends who enjoy our time there and contribute to the local economy and the majority of them are residents of Charlotte County. I spent every summer there from 1981-1989; and then went to college, got married and bought my children there. My youngest daughter 20 is now vacationing there with her boyfriend (and they have helped with some Ian clean up). My cousins and I swam in canals, found red snakes in our little blow-up boat, saw the beached whale, and bobcats, saw the resort being built and made friends.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Adler Boland

BCC:

Kerry Adler (daughter of John and JoAnn Adler)

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

Cassie Ator (sister of John Adler and sister-in-law of JoAnn Adler)

Wayne Ator (Brother-in-law of John and JoAnn Adler)

Cassie Ann Ator McDowell (niece of John and JoAnn Adler)

Dale McDowell ("nephew in law"; husband of Cassie Ann Ator McDowell)

Lisa Steinberg Lawlor (Neice of John and JoAnn Adler/cousins to Kathleen and Kerry)
John Lawlor (“nephew in law”; husband of Lisa Steinberg Lawlor)

December 15, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am the daughter of homeowners (John and Joann Adler) on Palm Island (250 N. Gulf Blvd, 33946) since 1980. My parents also own 231 and 260 N. Guld Blvd. The home/property has an established trust to my sister and me. I have durable power of attorney on my father's affairs including anything to do with these properties (if you need evidence of this please let me know and I can email a scanned copy). On behalf of my family, I am addressing the issue (as my father did in the past) to the idea of Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) putting in a system on Palm Island. This is a "for profit" company which is unacceptable since what is currently in place (septic systems) work for those that maintain them.

A vast majority of the islanders with whom we have spoken oppose this private sewer system especially after Helene and Milton have destroyed the island. We are still attempting to rebuild and the costs are astronomical this should not be another stress on our community.

I was there in early October to assist with Hurricane Helene cleanup and then evacuated my parents 80+ year old parents to safety up north. Our septic was fine then and we went back after Milton and it was fine then too. There is no need for an EU private sewer. We properly maintain our septic as do most other homeowners on the island so there is no need for a privately-owned, **for-profit** system to be installed. It is absolutely ridiculous that it is brought up again while most of us our hurting and struggling. It is unconscionable.

My husband, (Michael Boland) owns industrial engineering distribution 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/hazardous for a multitude of reasons:

- i. Being at sea level will not only create a significant danger due to a breakage and more deterioration to a line thus creating more expense to repair/replace for the home owner. After Hurricane Milton we saw the literal tons of sand and damage created and for something at sea level I/he would like to see the engineers' plans for how it could be built deep enough to maintain the weight of the water and sand we incurred from Milton.
- ii. Septic systems are also environmentally good 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.
- iii. If you can provide a report that the water quality would be better with a sewer from another barrier island we would like to request that. It is unlikely you will find one based on a significant numbers of samples.

Next there is the legality of it all:

1. We would be forced to give up easements and rights of way, pay for permits, etc. It is not yet the time have our attorney look into it but I will should it come to that.

Lastly, but most importantly, on Palm Island there is a contingent of my family members and friends enjoy our time there and contribute to the local economy and the majority of them are residents of Charlotte County. I spent every summer there from 1981-1989; and then went to college, got married and bought my children there. My youngest daughter 20 is now vacationing there with her boyfriend (and they have helped with some lan clean up). My cousins and I swam in canals, found red snakes in our little blow-up boat, saw the beached whale, and bobcats, saw the resort being built and made friends.

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