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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:19 AM
To: 'Elizabeth Harlan'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning,

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.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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To our Florida Public Service Commissioners:

As a resident of Palm Island, I write to register my **unqualified opposition** to the central sewer project proposed by EU for the following reasons:

1. There's no evidence of any kind of need for sewer service and no polling of the community for our opinion.
2. Excessive estimated, up-front cost of \$40,000. per household. Without a pay-over-time option and/or low-cost loans, which are not provided by EU's proposal, many of our homeowners cannot afford this.

3. Because EU would be a private company running the sewer instead of the county, we won't be afforded payment plans, there's no competition, and no central oversight.
4. EU proposes a low-pressure systems, which Charlotte County won't install anymore because of the excessive maintenance these systems require.
5. The proposed sewer project will cause years of disruption and destroy natural wildlife habitats for decades. The island will never be the same.
6. The traffic congestion this project would cause will be unmanageable. We all know how long the ferry waits can be and how difficult getting around the island has been with FEMA trucks. Installation of the proposed sewer system would cause even greater traffic congestion and ferry overload.
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9. EU's proposal would require every home to relinquish an estimated 15' runway from each house to the road that can't be built on, driven over, or used for any other purpose.
10. Central Sewer opens the door to highrises. We've seen this happen on Fort Myers Beach and Anna Maria Island. We do not want to see it here.
11. There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

Thank you for your consideration of our community's overwhelming opposition to this project.

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