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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:20 AM
To: 'Dale Novak'
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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Dear Commissioners:

I implore you to deny the application (again) made by Environmental Utilities (the EU). This will crush us both financially and emotionally. The PSC must take into consideration the islanders — who will be footing the entire cost for a private “for profit” company. It’s truly hard to believe that this proposal has even made it this far.

As we we continue to recover from three powerful storms, we are now faced with bracing for the potential of another storm, this time financially. This system will not have any benefits to our island. It will only enrich a

private company on the backs of the homeowners on these barrier islands. It will disrupt, tear apart, and destroy our island to the likes that we have never seen before.

Here are the facts, which simply can't be ignored:

- 1) The EU has no experience with a central sewer system. Zero. None.
- 2) The EU does not have the financial experience or expertise to fund this project.
- 3) The system will fail (island wide) in an epic manner if we have another storm like Helene or Milton.
- 4) The EU will NOT be able to restore service to the island unless all the costs are passed on to the homeowners.
- 5) These type of sewer systems use outdated technology that is prone to constant failure.
- 5) Many of our septic systems are nearly new and work perfectly.
- 6) Most, if not all, of our septic systems, are inspected every year.
- 7) There is NO environmental issue with our water quality and there is NO need for this service.
- 8) Most of the homes are seasonal and have little to no impact on the ground water.
- 9) Installation of the system will harm or even kill protected wildlife.
- 10) The cost to each homeowner is unjustified, unpredictable, and overwhelmingly excessive.
- 11) The EU will "take" our land without just compensation to the homeowner. Lawsuits will be filed.
- 12) All the costs will be passed on to the homeowners. Some owners will be forced to sell.

Please, for the love of our islands, our unique lifestyle, and the massive impact to our island and household budgets, deny this request — again.

Regards,

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