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**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 2:09 PM  
**To:** 'Larry Thees'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon Mr. Thees

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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I was dismayed (appalled really) to read the staff recommendation to approve this proposed sewer system. It points to 29 property owners supporting the application but fails to mention that the large majority of those 29 are family members, friends and associates of the applicant and a single, non-resident property owner of 17 lots which counted as 17 of the 29. When balanced against the near unanimous opposition to the sewer system by actual owner/residents, it is a disingenuous distortion of reality. I own 3 properties on the island. Please count my voice as the voices of 3.

There was absolutely no evidence of any environmental harm caused by our safe septic systems. There was testimony that the applicant has offered for sale his Sewer company for \$11 million upon receiving approval. This makes sense since they don't have any experience in operating any sewer system. Why was this ignored? This is a money grab, plain and simple, upon the backs of taxpaying residents who oppose this entire scheme. The preliminary staff recommendation reads as if it was

written by the applicant himself. This is shocking! Shame on whoever was responsible for this inherently dishonest report.

At the very least, a comprehensive environmental study on our specific island water quality and any actual connection to our septic systems should be require4d before approval. My septic system has survived 3 hurricanes in 2 years without any failure, along with all of my neighbors. At the hearings we heard testimony from 2 speakers about "poop" floating in flooded yards after Milton. Nobody else saw this or experienced this. Interestingly, those 2 speakers are direct relatives of the applicant. I call BS on that testimony.

Luckily, you are in a position to save us from this tyranny by a minority. Taxpaying residents deserve better. Please reject this application outright or , minimally, require environmental testing and clarification from the county as to why they no longer permit this type of sewer system on the mainland, but somehow it is just fine for our environmentally sensitive island.

We pray that you will do the right thing.

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