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Subject: 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,

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I hereby request you to please deny the EU application again - there is a huge opposition from Palm Island and other island residents. Plus, there has been no water quality problem is documented.

Charlotte County should not be supportive this proposal as the County would be deserting our island residents with regard to an unwanted services. We would be pawned off to yet another private company charging the island residents excessive and absorbent rates and fees for historically unreliable service that EU is notorious for. Why would not the County treat us Palm Island residents fairly and provide services by a public utility at public utility rates? Or leave us alone as this is a huge and expensive intrusion. The proposed sewer system has not proven to be a need and can actually be detrimental to us island residents as we experience power outages

frequently. Our septic systems work fine when the power is out, but not the proposed EU system. That system needs power to operate.

Why was EU allowed to change its application to another sewer system after enormous time and money was spent to address the second application with a low-pressure system? We were denied the opportunity at the hearing to address the application you are voting on Tuesday. Who allowed that late change?

Just as EU changed the type of sewer at the last minute, EU is highly likely to change the sewer situation for the residents, last minute. They would likely change the fees, the timeline, the natural beauty and complicate our seasonal hurricane repairs. The hurricane surge has been very difficult on residents. As of today, I still cannot ride a bike on my street as there is nothing but sugar-sand to ride on. FEMA is still traveling by my house every few minutes almost 6 months after Hurricane Milton. When will I get a road to bike on if EU is putting in a sewer? They have no incentive to be efficient with process or costs. My friend on Little Gasparilla tells horror stories of the water utility that EU's owner poorly installed. There is no recourse for residents. Why let another population be subject to the grief imposed by the EU owner.

It's common knowledge that the Palm Island Resort is having trouble with their sewage system. They have not addressed their identified sewer problem for years. The Resort's hookup to the proposed island EU sewer should not be a backdoor channel to lessen the burden of the Resort residents on the backs of residents outside the Resort for the costs which the Resort neglected over the years. Non-Palm Island Resort residents should not be required pay and bail the Resort out of their sewer problems on the back of innocent, non-resort owners like me!

I do not see a proven need for sewer outside the resort and never have. Please deny the EU proposal. Vote no on any project proposed by EU.

Thanks and best regards,

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