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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:26 AM
To: 'Jane Pottmeyer'
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 the PSC Staff,

My husband and I are building a home on Palm Island and are dismayed and opposed to the idea of sewer systems being proposed for the island. The potential environmental damage to wildlife, plant, & aquatic life to the island would be catastrophic. We chose this particular island due to how dedicated the residents are as stewards of the wildlife that lives here. We stand alongside the residents in wanting to protect the future of all the creatures that live on the island for generations to come. With the threat of putting in sewer systems, the potential for sewer discharge and leaks would be devastating for tortoises, seas turtles, manatees, dolphins, fish, mangroves, and the balance of the unique ecosystem currently thriving on the island. Irreparable damage to

wildlife, plant, & aquatic life could throw the entire ecosystem out of balance which would have far reaching outcomes.

Another concern is the possible introduction of pathogens and health risks for anyone visiting and/or living on the island. Given Florida has so many tropical storms & hurricanes, low-pressure sewer systems are highly susceptible break down or stop working which will result in a health risk with un-flushable toilets likely for days before anyone can gain access to the island to service the numerous homes and condos. The risk for sewers to fail and contaminate canals & bays is too large a risk to wager.

The proposed hook up fees, permitting, barge fees, and monthly water billing all prohibitive. Charlotte County works with an affordability rate of no more than \$113/mo for wastewater for all Charlotte County residents. There will be equipment failures and given just one ferry that doesn't operate in weather conditions.

It's time to make a different choice, one that prioritizes protecting nature, the animals we get to share this earth with who are depending on us to make good decisions. I am asking you to be stewards for wherever you happen to live, for Palm Island, for Charlotte County, for Florida, and be an example for the rest of the United States. What legacy do you leave for people today in Charlotte County? For your children? For your grandchildren?

Thank you for your time and care in favor of preserving the ecosystem for the future of Palm Island.

Health & Peace,
Jane & Kevin Pottmeyer

Compassion is a verb.
Thich Nhat Hanh