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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Docket #20200226-SU

Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20200226.

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Commissioners,

My name is Jon Goranson and I live at 2 Pointe Way on Don Pedro Island. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny Environmental Utilities application for wastewater service.

1. There has not been a proven need for sewer on Don Pedro/Knight Island. Water testing has not been performed to substantiate the claims that the existing septic systems are a problem. Property owners on Don Pedro/Knight Island have constructed new and repaired existing septic systems as required, permitted and inspected by the state to the current strict standards. The condition of the septic systems on Don Pedro/Knight Island are completely different than the systems on Little Gasparilla Island which are only accessible by boat, not ferry service and therefore cannot be repaired or replaced as easily as those on Don Pedro/Knight Island.
2. The financial history and financial capability EU has not been proven. There is no information presented in the application that EU could finance the engineering, procurement and construction of the project including a payment and performance bond for the estimated cost in excess of 20 million dollars. Also, per the application there does not seem to be an adequate cash flow to operate the system after construction which could result in even higher residential bills.
3. Environmental Utilities has no expertise or history in the operation of a wastewater system. EU is not a contractor who bid and built a sewer system. The operation and maintenance of the system with regards to equipment and emergencies has also not been addressed in the event of a failure during a storm or any other adverse condition that may occur. In addition, there is no single point of recourse in the event of costs overruns, project failure and project nonperformance.

4. The costs to the homeowner for the new system have been estimated but not been firmly established. The hook-up cost, the electric cost with new panels and generators to operate the grinder pump, the removal of an existing functioning septic system are significant and are an open cost to the homeowner. Also, due to the harsh salt environment on the island, electrical and mechanical equipment have a shorter life span and require replacing on shorter intervals, all at the expense of the homeowner. Finally, the proposed average residential rate of \$178.78 is double what the Rotonda homeowner pays for water and sewer.

Based on the above, I am formally requesting the PSC deny Environmental Utilities application for wastewater service.

Regards,

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