

**Lisa Smith**

**From:** Lisa Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** 'Jeff Lenz'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket: #20200226-SU

Good Afternoon, Jeff Lenz and Deirdre Fortune,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket 20200226-SU and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you.

*Lisa Smith*

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**From:** Jeff Lenz <wexirl@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Docket: #20200226-SU

Dear Clerk of Commission:

We, Jeff Lenz and Deirdre Fortune, are concerned property owners on Don Pedro Island. The reason for this letter is to express our objection to EU's private sewer proposal for the island. There are number of reasons for our objection.

First, we nor our neighbors have ever requested sewer service on the island. There hasn't been any water quality tests in our area to prove an environmental need for a central sewer system. The sewer project itself brings a high potential for destruction of local habitat and interference with the Island wildlife which includes endangered species such as our beloved gopher tortoises. We believe there is a far greater risk to our environment if a central sewer leak were to occur with a subaqueous crossing compared to one or more septic systems developing leaks.

Next, the lack of information regarding the finances as well as the rates and charges associated with this project is UNACCEPTABLE. The uncertainty of hookup costs as well as other costs and charges that we will incur as a homeowner is of great concern!!! With this uncertainty and no pay-over-time plan to cover large ticket expenses on our property,

due to EU's sewer project, could cause us along with many other homeowners financial hardship. To add to the unknown initial expense, the subject of system maintenance which includes emergencies and the lifespan of the equipment, has not been addressed. All of which would cause future financial burden to us and other homeowners.

EU's inability to address and provide vital information to us and other homeowners leads us to question EU's expertise in a project such as this. There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure. The sparse information that EU has provided shows NO COST BENEFIT and ONLY COST BURDEN. As concerned homeowners on the Island we object to EU's proposal and formally ask the PSC to deny EU's Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely

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