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**To:** 'G.S. Buhler'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Request For Wastewater Service : Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Gary Buhler,

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.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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Commissioners:

I have been a property owner on the island for over 20 years and I am 100 percent in favor of adding a central sewer system. The local PIE group has been sending out many emails and posts that are focused on the cost of this project - this group is very uneducated on the environmental impacts. It would be very beneficial to send someone to the island to host an educational meeting. Whether we add wastewater service today or not - it will happen sometime in the next few years - every year the cost will increase.

As commissioners, you are tasked with making the good decision for the people, county, and environment. It is our responsibility to protect our environment - and sometimes it will cost. Electric cars cost more than gas, but that is our future. There have been many case studies on septic tanks

and the communities around them - they all agree they are very bad for the environment. They are all leaking into our waters. There has never been one single example that was not negative on septic tanks.

One more point - lets keep in mind that this program has been in place for several years on the North end of Palm Island - specifically in the resort and the street to the South. All run by a private company. I lived in this section for several years and it was great!!

Thank you,  
Gary Buhler  
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