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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:10 PM
To: 'Mike Riley'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Victoria Millette.

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.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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My name is Victoria Millette and I am a property owner and live at 220 Kettle Harbor Drive, Don Pedro Island which is within the proposed service area of the Environmental Utilities, Inc. (EU) application for wastewater service. I am a resident of Florida and have lived at this address for over 15 years.

I OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL UNDER DOCKET #20240032-SU AND ASK THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DENY THE APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZAION FOR THIS PROPOSED CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM.

My objections are many, but primarily focus on the need and cost of the proposed system to landowners. Water quality testing is vital to prove a NEED for conversion from septic's to a central sewer system and I am NOT AWARE of any substantial or adequate water testing performed by EU. Charlotte County has done extensive water quality testing and found no evidence to prove the islands are polluting the Intra-coastal waters or Lemon Bay. On the other hand, Charlotte County has found that their recycle water program for large commercial water users, like golf courses, does not meet current federal standards and is a primary if not the major contributor to the excessive nutrient levels (nitrogen, etc.) in Lemon Bay, yet they are in support of this application. If there is no need (water quality issues) then this application should be denied before it costs everyone too much money.

The cost of this proposed wastewater system is excessive with initial homeowner costs of nearly \$20,000 plus additional cost of electrical panel work for the pumps, continued sludge removal from the proposed small 60 gallon storage (septic style) tank on homeowner property, and taking of private property from each homeowner for an easement to place the storage tank. All of this plus a monthly wastewater utility cost of around \$250 per month. We (Island residents) just finished major rebuilding from hurricane Ian and this additional cost is unbelievable.

Now look at the FACT that only a couple of septic systems were damaged and had to be replaced from Hurricane Ian – no significant, or even minor wastewater spills or environmental damage. With this proposed system of individual homeowner pumps to move the wastewater, when there is a power outage we could see a horrible wastewater spill in OUR YARDS causing significant damage to property, wildlife, and native plants.

Please deny this application for original certificate of authorization for this central sewer system.

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