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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:30 AM
To: 'Robby Anderson'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Captain Rob Anderson.

We will be placing the comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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From: Robby Anderson <robby.anderson1323@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Clerk of the Commission,

My name is Captain Rob Anderson. I am writing to formally request the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service for Don Pedro Island. I have been visiting this area for over 18 years. As a resident of the island for the last several years, I cannot begin to fathom all of the negative impacts this project would create.

My main concern is the environmental impact this project will have/create. With no water quality testing to validate a need for a sewer, it seems unreasonable to disrupt the environment by removing trees & digging up areas that are home to many gopher tortoises(endangered), birds, rabbits, snakes, bobcats and many more. Why would we displace and endanger these animals and destroy their habitat for a project with no problem to solve? Another potential significant environmental impact of this project would harm the very thing that brings people to this beautiful area, water. The risk of a central sewer leak into the intracoastal waterway would have devastating impacts on the marine ecosystem that has already been demolished and forced to fight back time and time again over the last several years due to the horrifying red tide events in this area.

Another major concern I have is around the uncertainty around what it would cost to hook-up the sewer by a company that has not won a bid to install a sewer system in the past. Installing a sewer system can be difficult enough with many years of experience, the complexities of the location and terrain features of the island would challenge the most veteran of sewer installation companies. I would compare this situation to boarding a plane with no clear idea of the fare & baggage cost, crewed by a pilot, co-pilot, and staff with no experience, to a destination with the most unfavorable and challenging flying conditions. Would you get on that flight?

The last concern I have around this project is how will the system be maintained in the event of a storm or other adverse or emergency scenarios? In the event of a power outage - which can sometimes be caused by high winds - the system will only be able to function for so long until imminent failure. Such failure would be devastating to the homes and the environment of Don Pedro Island. Additionally, being in the salt water environment like we are, the sewer systems and required generators would have a fraction of the lifespan they would otherwise further inland.

In summary, the environmental impacts, uncertainty, and reliability of the proposed project cause great concern to myself and many others on the island. Again, I have written this letter to formally request the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service for Don Pedro Island given the reasons above.

Don Pedro Island is a beautiful place. I suggest you come and check it out for yourself! Give me a call and I would be happy to take you out on the boat and show you all the beauty and wildlife this place has to offer. Help us protect it.

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