

**Lisa Smith**

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**From:** Hannah Barker  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence  
**Attachments:** Re. Docket#20200226-SU; #20200226-SU; RE. Docket #20200226-SU; Docket # 20200226-SU; RE. Docket #20200226-SU; Don Pedro Island Sewer Project; Deny EU's application for original certificate Docket # 20200226-SU; Re Objection to EU proposal for sewers - Palm Island; Island sewer support; Sewer palm island

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

**Hannah E. Barker**  
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**From:** Pete Hosmer <[petehosmer@comcast.net](mailto:petehosmer@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Re. Docket#20200226-SU

My name is Pete Hosmer and I am the property owner of Lot #14 on Don Pedro Island for over 47 years. I am writing to you today in opposition to the proposed EU central sewer system. Specifically, I do not feel there is a need for this service since everything on the Island is working perfectly. Also, I am concerned about the technical expertise of the EU. This is not a project for some individual company with little experience. If it is deemed necessary, then it should be a county project.

I am also concerned about the financial responsibility of EU and all of the associated charges and rates. So, I am objecting to this proposal and respectfully ask you to deny the Application for Original Certification of Authorization.

Thank you,  
Pete Hosmer  
[petehosmer@comcast.net](mailto:petehosmer@comcast.net)

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**From:** Jack Steen <turnersteen@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Records Clerk  
**Subject:** #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners LaRosa, Passidomo, Clark and Clerk of the PSC

I have been a property owner for 31 years on Don Pedro Island. I object to the County granting an application for a wastewater license to Environmental Utilities LLC.

This application is on the agenda for February 8, 2022- #20200226-SU

I am not objecting to the sewer per se. If there is a need due to environmental issues I would be in favor of a sewers system to replace our septic tanks. My concerns stem from the lack of experience and financial background of the applicant in question.

If there are studies that show a need for a system, I would be in favor of a county run utility with ongoing maintenance and service with the best interest of the homeowners, county and environment at the forefront of your decision making.

Please deny this request.

Thank you,

Jack Steen

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301 South Gulf Blvd #416

Don Pedro Island

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**From:** Vicki Hosmer <vhosmer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:29 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

My family has owned Lot #14 on Bocilla Way on Don Pedro Island since 1974. We are now four generations on the Island. We live in Sarasota so are not full time residents of the Island, but over the last 47 years have enjoyed many hours on the Island.

We were very concerned upon learning of the application by EU for wastewater service to the Island. A concern is the expertise of the applicant. We find no history of EU previously completing a job of this size. Another major concern is the cost factor. I am a retired school teacher. We were told the estimated cost of hook up would be \$20K per our small unit. We also understand there would be additional costs of electrical hook up, need for a generator and larger than average monthly bills. This is a huge amount apparently payable on demand and does not seem to be a reasonable amount. Several years ago we had a sewer hook up in our Sarasota home done by Sarasota County. The cost of that hook up was 1/3 this amount.

No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove the need for sewer. EU has not provided plans for a potential water spill in the Intercoastal; system maintenance and what would be done in potential service failure during a storm.

I urge you to deny the application by EU for wastewater service to Don Pedro Island.

Thank you,

Vicki B. Hosmer

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**From:** Sarah Turner <[sarah@turnersteen.com](mailto:sarah@turnersteen.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:23 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

I am a property tax payor for 31 years on Don Pedro Island. My name is Sarah Turner and my husband and I purchased our place in January of 1991. I am objecting to the granting of an application for a wastewater license to Environmental Utilities LLC.

This application is on the docket for February 8, 2022- #20200226-SU

I am not objecting to the sewer per se. If it is needed and is proved by taking water samples around the island, I am ok with a sewer being necessary. The problem that I have is that the person that is applying for a license to build and operate this utility. EU LLC has no experience in this area and I am worried about the financial and technical wherewithal. What if the project hits a few snags? This is highly likely. Shouldn't this be contracted or bid situation? The person who applies first gets it? Doesn't the county have a lot of responsibility here?

Please vote down this request.

Thank you,

Sarah Turner

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Don Pedro Island

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**From:** terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:44 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** terry kent <[terryakent1031@gmail.com](mailto:terryakent1031@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Central Sewer Don Pedro Island  
**Date:** January 23, 2022 at 10:35:33 AM EST  
**To:** [commissioner.larosa@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:commissioner.larosa@psc.state.fl.us)

Commissioner LaRosa,  
My Name is Terry Kent  
470 Bocilla Dr.  
Don Pedro Island

Up front I want to voice my opinion on why we do not want a sewer at this present time.

After reading over the proposal my first comment is “This proposal is a solution looking for a problem.”

Why I am against this:

- A. I do not believe at this time we have a problem on sewerage that needs addressing. No proven reason why we need it.
- B. If we need a sewer that should be up to the county to address and to tax us accordingly .
- C. Uncertain Hook-up Cost: When EU first presented to PIE, the connection fee was estimated at approx. \$20K per unit. When the rates and tariffs were finally submitted by the applicant, the requested Service Availability Charge per ERC was reduced to total estimated \$13,221.
- D. No contract...normally for this type of construction there is a general bid. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer.
- E. No performance bond required.
- F. EU has not shown that he has the expertise for this type of project.
- G. The scope of this project would be large...disruption of traffic flow on the island would be horrible. We are accessed only by ferry.
- H. No compensation for the easements that would be from the house to the road.

Commissioner, I would ask that you deny this 1/2 baked idea be shelved until we have a problem that needs to be solved. And not let someone who thinks we have a problem for him to solve. Please deny the EU application.

**Thank you,  
Terry Kent**

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**From:** terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Don Pedro Island Sewer Project

Commissioner Clark,  
My Name is Terry Kent  
470 Bocilla Dr.  
Don Pedro Island

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Thank you,  
Terry Kent

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**From:** daulenti43@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:33 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Deny EU's application for original certificate Docket # 20200226-SU

My name is Richard Aulenti and I live at 120 N. Gulf Blvd. on Knight Island. My wife and I have lived in our home for the past 18 years.

### **Location:**

We live on Knight Island which is accessed by driving onto a barge and crossing over the Intercoastal. 8 cars maximum allowed and weight restrictions enforced. The barge is pushed across the Intercoastal by way of a Tugboat. Heavy winds, low water tides, commercial and emergency vehicles, bikes and walk on passengers are also involved which makes the crossing complex.

Sand roads.

Mainly single family homes

Many lots are held by a Conservancy and will remain undeveloped.

No high density high rises.

No commercial structures outside of the Resort Resort has 3 stories maximum and they have their own sewer system.

### **Need:**

Our septic is routinely maintained and working perfectly. It was engineered as per Charlotte County's building code. It works.

New single family homes are being built on Island and new septic systems are being built to Charlotte County's specifications. If Charlotte county did not feel these systems worked why would they issue a permit?

### **Hardship:**

Many homeowners are retired.

We live on a fixed income.

To finance replacing a WORKING septic with an untried sewer and pay two thousand dollars a year in monthly fees would cause many Islanders to have to sell.

### **Competence:**

The applicant has no evidence of prior experience with wastewater removal.

The applicant needs to prove financial capability. What if he goes bankrupt?

The applicant needs to provide a performance bond for a project.

The applicant has a questionable track record.

Who will be responsible for systems failing?

We request you Deny EU's Application.

Thank you.

Richard Aulenti

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**Sent from my iPad**

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**From:** Jean Schultz <themumma2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:09 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to EU proposal for sewers - Palm Island

I would like to formally record my OBJECTION to the EU proposal for Palm Island sewers.

Please DENY the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer systemmon Palm Island.

A sewer system should be publicly administered - not contracted to a private entity with no practical technical experience in that field.

I am also concerned about the financial stability and historical business track record of the principals who are requesting the application.

Abdicating to a private entity makes it far less likely that fair and equitable rates/charges would be guaranteed for the residents of Palm Island. We already have too many unchecked monopolies.

Thank you for your time.

Jean Schultz  
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Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

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**From:** Chuck Soderquist <sodo1@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Island sewer support

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my support for central sewer be brought to Palm Island and Little Gasparilla Island. There is no single issue which would benefit the environments of these Islands more.

### **Chuck Soderquist**

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**From:** timothy daniel <tdanielmd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:23 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** Sewer palm island

My name is Tim Daniel. I own 450 Bocilla Dr., Placida, FL. This is a home on Palm Island, formally known as knight and Don Pedro islands. I'm writing to object to the EU proposal for central sewer installment.

There are many reasons. I am not opposed to central sewer as I understand the environmental impact of septic systems. However, there are significant problems with the used proposal. This is not an exhaustive list, but includes the fact that it will include a 13–20,000 cost to each homeowner which will need to be paid immediately, a monthly cost of double the areas region for normal water and sewer systems, the huge traffic impact it will have because of the use of barges to access the island, the destruction of the natural peaceful environment of the island including the disruption of roads and front yards, is the requirement of the homeowner to pay the cost of the electrical upgrades necessary to run the new system as well as installing a generator to prepare for electrical outage outages, the inexperience of EU, they are claiming ownership of the property in my front yard to install the system, all property damage will be at my expense.

**In short, I am not against central sewer but I am against how it is being done.** In my opinion this should be part of why I pay huge taxes on my property. This should be done with taxpayer dollars with a Charlotte County oversight. It should not come out additional Expense to me personally. I strongly encourage you to reject this proposal.

Tim Daniel  
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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone