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From: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: RE. Docket #20200226-SU Palm Island- Don Pedro Sewer Project

Good morning,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200226.

Thank you!

From: Dennis Ryan <Dennis.Ryan@RingPower.Com>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:22 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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To Whom it May Concern

I am firmly opposed to the sewer project on the island and ask **the PSC to deny** EU's application for wastewater service.

We built a new vacation home on the island in 2017 and had a new, state of the art, septic tank and drain field installed at a cost of over \$12,000 that met all of Charlotte County's design, environmental safety and permitting requirements.

At no time have we requested an island-wide sanitary system.

EU's cost per homeowner estimate is very vague and we certainly don't want to pay \$20-25,000 to hook up to a convolutedly designed, private system and have the associated headaches and expenses of maintaining all the equipment described by EU.

I would also like to point out the unknown cost of removing our newer septic tank.

I am very skeptical of any private company handling our wastewater with complicated individual tanks, pumps and pipes moved over environmentally sensitive lands and waters. If this design and/or company failed, the County would have to step in and not only mitigate the damages but install a proven gravity system with concrete pipes and lift stations at an enormous cost to all the tax payers. The thought of our frequent electrical power disruptions and the potential backups is horrifying. If Charlotte County decided there was an urgent need for a system in such a low density area, they would build a proven gravity sewer system that most of the county has in place.

Any septic tanks that are failing due to age or design should be replaced at the homeowners expense. I am sure the county has regular inspections and the enforcement policies in place to address such cases.

Thank you for my input and consideration.

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