

**Jacob Veughn**

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**From:** Katherine Fleming  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:43 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200226  
**Attachments:** Docket #20200226-SU; Fwd DOCKET #20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

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**From:** John Adams <jda600@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Sirs,

I am John Adams, the Managing Partner of Shere Properties, LLC which owns two properties affected by the proposed central sewer system on Don Pedro Island and I am writing to **object to the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization** that is the subject of **Docket #20200226-SU** and to formally ask that the Florida Public Service Commission to **deny** Environmental Utilities, LLC application for a wastewater certificate.

My **arguments in opposition** to the application by Environmental Utilities, LLC for a wastewater certificate for a central sewer, are as follows:

- 1) The need for such a service has not yet been demonstrated and no water quality testing has been done in the proposed service area to prove the need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
- 2) The environmental risk aspects of such a system have not been evaluated and the risk of a major central sewer leak with a subaqueous crossing is greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing minor leaks.
- 3) The applicant has ZERO technical experience of installing and managing such an undertaking. In addition, the applicant has not addressed how the system will be serviced in the event of failure during a storm or other adverse conditions nor how sewage back-up into homes will be prevented in times of disruption of power or service. Additionally there is no proposed grandfathering of septic systems regardless of age or condition.
- 4) The financial experience of the applicant's management is extremely poor and, it has been reported, comprises an individual that is a discharged bankrupt.
- 5) The applicant is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer and therefore there is no "contract" and no single point of general oversight neither is there a performance bond required and so customers will have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.
- 6) The rates proposed by the applicant are excessive and far in excess of those currently being paid by like communities and are **approximately double** those that a ratepayer on the mainland in Rotonda pays per month for **water and wastewater combined**.

I believe Charlotte County and the State need to re-evaluate this whole project and, if demonstrated to be necessary, should establish a Utility District to Install and operate any recommended system.

Regards,

J. D. Adams  
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Dear Commissioners:

**WE ARE FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT THE PSC DENY EU'S APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE**

Our names are Benjamin and Caroline Kroslak. As homeowners on Little Gasparilla Island, located at 9424 Rum Runner Rd, Lot #18, we would like to voice our **OBJECTION** for a certificate being granted to Environmental Utilities, LLC.

We are appealing to you with due respect because we feel that it is your responsibility as public servants to protect the interest of the taxpayers and homeowners, and not that of private enterprise.

There are many unanswered concerns. To name a few:

1. It's unacceptable to turn this project over to an LLC that has ZERO experience in installing and operating a sewer system of this magnitude. We believe Charlotte County should be the one in charge of this.
2. Undefined cost both for installation and monthly dues, as well as maintenance
3. There is NO NEED for this type of sewer system. Existing septic systems that people have are functional. If they weren't, the county would not be issuing new permits for new systems.
4. Potential environmental impact because of failed sewer system components.
5. Logistics to the island – we have no bridges – everything comes across by boat.
6. Environmental Utilities, LLC has not shown that they are financially capable to finance this project and they offer no financing to the homeowners.
7. This will be a significant financial burden to the homeowners.
8. Too much uncertainty about this whole project.

We thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Benjamin and Caroline Krosiak  
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