## CORRESPONDENCE 3/15/2022 DOCUMENT NO. 01896-2022

## **Antonia Hover**

From: Hannah Barker

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:37 PM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Docket Correspondence

Attachments: RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; Re Docket# 20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

## Hannah E. Branum

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Clark Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 413-6004

## **Antonia Hover**

From: robinmadden@islanderproperties.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:32 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Clark

Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioner Clark: I really appreciate you and your fellow commissioners listening to us during the customer hearings. This is very important to us. As I said in my previous email, I must have my septic field replaced in the next few weeks to for \$10,000 (including ferry fees). This would normally last 15 years, but if I have to incur all the other expenses for sewer in the near term, this makes no sense. I am electing to do this, so we do not pollute. This company may not be financially able to completer the process of converting septic to sewer and then where will we be? I would also like to see some data that indicates that we are polluting and to what extent.

Again, thanks for your interest.

# Robin Madden

Owner/Broker Islander Properties, Inc. 7025-A Placida Rd Englewood, Fl 34224 941-276-6902 direct 941-697-2000 office www.islanderproperties.com

Charlotte County Tourist Development Council Member 2018-2020 President Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Gulf Island Coast Chapter 2015 President Englewood Area Board of Realtors Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist

From: Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner. Clark@psc.state.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:35 PM

To: 'robinmadden@islanderproperties.com' <robinmadden@islanderproperties.com>

Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Madden,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC—Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you over the past few months, both in person at our service hearings, and through the countless emails I have received. I want to stress how valuable the customer perspective is to me. Tomorrow the parties in this case will be filing briefs, laying out their arguments, and we are scheduled to make a decision the morning of Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our monthly Agenda Conference. If you would like to watch the Agenda Conference you may go to FloridaPSC.com, where it will be live streamed.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Clark Commissioner Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 413-6038

From: robinmadden@islanderproperties.com <robinmadden@islanderproperties.com>

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:51 PM

To: Records Clerk < <a href="mailto:CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US">CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US</a>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <a href="mailto:Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us">Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us</a>;

Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us >; Office of Commissioner Passidomo

<Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>

Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioners: I own two properties, a residence located at 64 Tarpon Way and a business, Islander Properties, Inc. located at 330 S Gulf Blvd Unit 40 on Don Pedro-Knight-Palm Island. I am formally requesting that you deny Environmental Utilities, LLC. application to provide a central sewer system. My concerns are as follows:

- -- the applicant's financial ability to take on this project
- -- the applicant's technical expertise
- -- the uncertainty of future rates and charges
- --the need for additional costs, such as electrical panels, tree/landscape removal/replacement, installation of a generator
- -- the applicant's inability to provide a pay over time plan
- -- the lack of statistic analysis that proves we are polluting the waters

As a business owner and real estate Broker who sells and help buyers purchase property on our island, this entails additional costs, when in fact a new septic tank and/or septic field has been paid for recently. I personally have to replace my septic field in the next month for \$9000 and certainly do not want to incur another \$25,000 plus for a sewer replacement, when this new field will have a life span of 15 years.

Again, please deny the application.

# Robin Madden

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From:

Zach Bawel <Zach.Bawel@jasperholdingsinc.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:31 PM

To: Subject: Office of Commissioner Clark
RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Thank you

From: Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner. Clark@psc.state.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:00 PM

To: Zach Bawel <Zach.Bawel@jasperholdingsinc.com>

Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

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Dear Mr. Bawel,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC—Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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From: Zach Bawel < Zach.Bawel@jasperholdingsinc.com >

Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 11:59 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner. Clark@psc.state.fl.us>

Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

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## **Antonia Hover**

From: Bruce and Becky Rougraff <br/>
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Sent:Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:29 PMTo:Office of Commissioner ClarkSubject:Re: Docket# 20200226-SU

Thank you for your kind response! I am very surprised and impressed that I received this. Thank you for sincerely and honestly listening to us!

The more I hear about the details of this project, the more crazy, poorly planned, and quite frankly dumb, it sounds. From what I understand, we will still have septic tanks for solid waste that will need to be pumped and maintained. And if left empty, these tanks have the potential of errupting from the ground, (A barrier island concern) causing all sorts of problems and pollution. Sounds like nonsense to have a sewer system and still have septic tanks in use. So at this point you have to ask, what is the point of this whole project besides spending taxpayer money...because Once completed, we will have to pay for both sewers and septic systems.

The devil is in the details, and these details sound like nonsense!

Thanks for listening! Bruce and Rebecca Rougraff 280 N. Gulf Blvd. Palm Island, Placida, Florida

## Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

On Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 1:34 PM, Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner. Clark@psc.state.fl.us>wrote:

Dear Mr. and Ms. Rougraff,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC— Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:46 AM

**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark < Commissioner. Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa < Commissioner. LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner.

Passidomo < Commissioner. Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>

Subject: Fw: Docket# 20200226-SU

On Monday, January 24, 2022, 9:56 AM, Bruce and Becky Rougraff@aol.com> wrote:

I am writing to you regarding the new sewer proposal for Palm Island. I am not sure why this proposal has come into existence, as I don't know of any homeowner on Palm Island who is unhappy with our current situation. Further, I don't know of any homeowner who has requested that we change to sewers on the island. I am gravely concerned about the damage this will do to our beautiful island. Further I am extremely

Concerned about the expense of this project and how members of our community will pay for it. Skyrocketing property taxes already make living in Florida much more difficult than it used to be. And other issues/expenses arising with having a home on a barrier island make it a very expensive place to live. Adding a gigantic sewer project to this seems unnecessary and financially catastrophic for many of us. We are not a super wealthy island like many barrier islands in Florida. We

are a quiet island that has kept things low key. We have done a decent job of keeping the big money out, and have protected ourselves and our wildlife from much of the craziness going on these days in Florida. If there is concern about the age of our septic tanks, and protecting our environment, a program is easily established ensuring that we have our tanks maintained and checked on a regular basis. We are all more than willing to do this to protect our beautiful island!!!!

Because the costs and reasons for this monster project have not been laid out to us, this feels like it's being rammed down our throats. Typical government project. People have no say anymore!

For all of these reasons, we humbly request that you shelf this project, please! We don't want it!

Bruce and Rebecca Rougraff

280 North Gulf Blvd.

Palm Island, Placida Florida

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