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## **Hiep Nguyen**

From:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Sent:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:01 PM

To:

Commissioner Correspondence

Subject:

Docket No. 20200226

**Attachments:** 

Docket #20200226-SU and Commenters outside the Criteria in Florida Administrative

Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2); Docket #20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

## Hiep Nguyen

From: Candyce Cohen <candycecohen@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:00 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of

Commissioner La Rosa

Cc: Records Clerk; Jennifer Crawford; Ryan Sandy

Subject: Docket #20200226-SU and Commenters outside the Criteria in Florida Administrative

Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2)

SUBJECT: Docket #20200226-SU

March 16, 2022

Dear Commissioners Clark, LaRosa and Passidomo,

I have written previously to state my concerns about the Environmental Utilities LLC application and to request you DENY the application. In monitoring sentiment in docket number 20200226-SU to assess support and opposition, I wanted to share one more concern. The utility has a requirement to demonstrate **a need for service** by providing a copy of all requests for service from property owners or developers in areas not currently served. I would think non-residents and non-property owners are not impacted by the outrageous fees should be excluded as ineligible to comment either way as they do not meet the criteria defined in the Florida Administrative Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2).

Of 11 who corresponded in support of the EU application through March 15th:

5 are not residents in the affected area (living in other areas of Charlotte County or in Palm Island Resort serviced by Knight Island Utilities),

2 are not property-owners in the affected area and

7 originated from the same email address, <u>EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM</u> raising the question of authenticity of the communications as this is an email address operated by the applicant.

- Terri and William Woodworth are residents of Palm Island Resort and NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA and even state "we are residents in the resort. Yes, we have a sewer system. Yes, it needs repair."
- Chuck Soderquist gives a POBox and phone number, but is NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA. In fact, no Soderquist's are listed as currently owning property in the proposed service areas.
- Tammy ORourke states she is a resident of Charlotte County, but NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA,
- Randy Levy gives a phone number and email but the island address provided is listed in the name of Petrina Iverson, who did
  not send in a letter to the PSC. He is NOT A PROPERTY OWNER at least at the island address provided.
- Stewart and Sharon Saad who do not provide an address nor phone nor an email address and whose **email came from EU7770FFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Brian Callahan who provides no address nor phone although there may be a valid email address in the body of the email
   which also came from EU7770FFICES@GMAIL.COM (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Leslie Durrance who provides no address nor phone nor email address (no Durrance's are listed as owning property in the
  proposed service areas) and whose email also came from <u>EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM</u> (leaving it open for alteration by
  applicant)
- A later submission by Chad Durrance lists an island addresses and a phone number but his email also came from EU7770FFICES@GMAIL.COM (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Courtney DeFilipis, Courtney Boyer DeFilipis, John and Diane Boyer's daughter, would be a beneficiary of EU LLC via
  inheritance, is a realtor who gives no address, is NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA and whose email also came
  from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Jonathan Wright the arborist is NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA and whose email also came from EU7770FFICES@GMAIL.COM (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)

Please add some extra scrutiny to the public correspondence on the docket as electronic communications make these type of testimonials easy to thwart. This is one reason why there is no single "form letter" in opposition - as we all feel it important that the commission hear from the heart of the matter for our residents.

Thank you again for your time, attention and service to Floridians and please take the preponderance of evidence into consideration and DENY this application.

Very kind regards,

/CC/

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## **Hiep Nguyen**

From:

Judy Kelley <jkelley3321@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:58 PM

To:

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Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

Docket #20200226-SU

## Dear Commissioner:

I am writing in opposition to Environmental Utilities' (EU) application to provide central sewer to Palm Island,

My name is Judy Kelley and I live on Palm Island Resort, currently being served by Knight Island Utilities (KIU), who is proposing hooking into EU's lines if that project proceeds. In that event, my understanding is that KIU will be acting as a pass-through company whose rates do not appear to be under any regulation as they are a not-for-profit organization. We have not been given any information as to how this will affect our rates on a monthly basis nor for initial hookup. I only know our average combined monthly bill for 3,000 gallons water & sewer is currently \$143, and the monthly charge for EU's customers not under KIU is estimated at \$266 for 4,000 gallons. This would almost double our current cost, and that doesn't include the added on rate that KIU decides to tack on.

I am also concerned with lack of technical experience of EU for doing this extent of work, and dealing with the maintenance of said project.

In addition, I am concerned with the actual financial capacity to complete the extent of work this requires.

If central sewer is deemed necessary on this island, it would be much more appropriate to have the work done by Charlotte County Utilities, or a contractor vetted by them who has extensive expertise for the installation and maintenance of this project.

I am requesting the commission deny EU's application for this wastewater project.

Best regards, Judy Kelley

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