

Hiep Nguyen

From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20200226
Attachments: Docket 20200226-SU; Docket#20200226.ah; Fw Docket #20200226-SU (Palm Island); Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU opposition; RE. Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU Palm Island Sewers; Fwd Docket#20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

Hiep Nguyen

From: Steve Egan <steveimprint1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Passidomo,

We were happy to hear that the PSC recommended against EU's application to provide sewer service to Little Gasparilla Island. Hopefully the powers that be will listen to your recommendation. It would be financially devastating to us as a family to be forced into accepting that proposal.

Respectfully,

Steve Egan
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Placida, FL 33946
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From: felixpo6@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 6:56 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket#20200226.ah

We have read your Staff recommendation concerning EU application for sewer certification. They have not demonstrated a need or desire for a sewer on our bridgeless barrier island. Thank you for your consideration. Duane and Gisela Allen. 30 Gasparilla way Don Pedro Island.

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

Hiep Nguyen

From: Jean Schultz <themumma2@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:10 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Fw: Docket #20200226-SU (Palm Island)

Dear Commissioner Passidomo,

I am writing to ask you to please follow the staff recommendation to deny the application for Docket # 20200226-SU.

As a resident of Palm Island (we live at 80 Palm Dr) we appreciate the PCS Staff and Commissioners efforts to sort through the details and listen to the concerns of the residents and community on this issue. We participated in the public forum earlier this year (Don Schultz was one of the citizens who spoke).

Please be assured that we monitor and pump our septic system as often as needed. We recently had our septic pumped in late March 2022 as part of the PIE Batch Pump-Out Program.

Thank you again for your public service.

Jean and Don Schultz
80 Palm Drive
Palm Island (Placida), Florida

Hiep Nguyen

From: JAYNE KEBE <kebefam@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Passidomo,

My name is Jayne Kebe and I am a property owner at 18 Palm Drive on Knight Island. We have owned the property since 2012 and I have lived here as a full-time resident since 2016.

With this email, I am formally requesting that you follow the **PSC's staff recommendation to deny the Application of Original Certificate of Authorization by Environmental Utilities for a central sewer line for Don Pedro and Knight Islands.**

Briefly and to iterate, I have worked professionally as an environmental engineer for over 20 years and I can attest that EU does not have the experience and expertise for such an extensive sewer line installation and maintenance project.

More important to me personally, as an island resident, is the lack of any consideration or attention that has been given by EU to the effects of this project on the islands' gopher tortoise population and its habitats. According to the FWC, gopher tortoises are listed as Threatened, which is defined as a species likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. Gopher tortoises share their burrows with more than 350 other species. Florida law protects both the tortoise and its burrow. Per the FWC regulations, "Gopher tortoises must be relocated before any land clearing or development takes place" and permits must be obtained before capturing and relocating tortoises.

[\(https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/gopher-tortoise/\)](https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/gopher-tortoise/)



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's Gopher Tortoise Program that is charged with restoring and maintaining secure, viable populations of gopher tortoises recommends enhancement of habitat quality and also requires that steps be taken to protect the GT and its burrow. No evaluation has been made by EU about the effects of the installation of these sewer lines on the gopher tortoise burrows or habitats. This is a terrible and inexcusable omission in my opinion.

Lastly, I would like to state my sincere appreciation of the work done by the PCS Commissioners and Staff for the detailed evaluation that they have made regarding this application. I know that significant amounts of research and documents have been submitted. A multitude of statements have been submitted to the PCS from the Don Pedro and Knight Islands residents with varying arguments supporting the denial of this application by EU. Thank you for reading and taking into consideration all of them.

Sincerely,
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From: Mike Riley <mikenriley@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU opposition

May 28, 2022

Reference: Docket #20200226 – Environmental Utilities, Inc. (EU)

To whom it may concern:

My name is Michael Riley and I own and live on Don Pedro Island at 220 Kettle Harbor Dr., which is a property within the service area of the proposed central sewer system, Docket #20200226-SU.

PSC Staff recently released their evaluation and review of this application and **RECOMMEND DENIAL!** I appreciate the Staff's diligence and attention to this case.

We applaud the Commissioners for holding hearings in Venice allowing the Islanders to attend and voice their opposition without the inconvenience of driving to Tallahassee and spending a night or two in order to participate.

As a stakeholder on the Islands, **I support the Staff's recommendation** and request that each Commissioner follow the staff's recommendation and **DENY THIS APPLICATION.**

In their evaluation and recommendation, the Staff stated that **EU did not prove a need for service** and the existing residents are largely opposed to EU's application, therefore this application is not in the Public's best interest. I could not have said it better.

Our Island community is an active group who cares about the environment. In as much, even though this application is still pending, I have seen Martin Septic start and finish replacements of at least 5 separate existing septic system drain fields in the last 2 to 3 weeks. This should show you the dedication our stakeholders take in making sure our island is the best it can be. I participate in the SOS Septic batch pump-out program, through PIE, and have my septic pumped and tested every 5 years.

Once again, I encourage each Commissioner to follow the PSC Staff's recommendation and DENY THIS APPLICATION!

Thank you

Michael N Riley
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From: terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

I want to thank you and the staff for the detailed attention that you gave to the above docket. I am in favor of the PSC recommendation to deny the application for sewer lines to be installed on the island.

As a resident of Don Pedro for approximately 20 years I have been an advocate of if we need it than lets get it done (bridge project). However I am a firm believer that this sewer application was a solution looking for a problem.

Please deny the EU application.

Thank you,

Terry Kent

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Placida 33946

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From: fzody85044@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

I have read the complete PSC staff memorandum recommending the denial of the sewer application that is the subject of the above-referenced docket number. I was very impressed with the thoroughness and professionalism of the memorandum and I was very happy that the staff concluded that denial would be the right action for the Commission to take.

I own the property at 140 N. Gulf Blvd. and I am vigilant in maintaining my septic system. Needed repairs are promptly made and I participate in the PIE Batch Pump-Out Program. I have always believed that the application was a solution looking for a problem.

Please accept the staff's recommendation and deny the application.

Brenda Zody, 140 N. Gulf Blvd., Palm Island Estates (Knight Island)

Hiep Nguyen

From: joe.noto@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 7:09 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Cc: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Joe Noto and I live at 181 N. Gulf Blvd., Placida, FL which is on Palm Island. I am one of the residents who will be impacted by your upcoming decision on whether to grant or deny the Environmental Utilities application to install a central sewer system on the island.

I respectfully request that you follow the PSC staff recommendation to deny this application for a number of reasons:

1. It will have a significant and unnecessary financial impact on me, a senior citizen.
2. As mentioned in one of my prior emails and supported by the PSC, there is no need for this central sewer system. To my knowledge none of the island property owners has requested a central sewer system and no state or local environmental regulator has mandated this service in our area.
3. I am still concerned about Environmental Utilities' financial and technical capability to handle a project of this magnitude.
4. And I've learned that despite having a central sewer system, the one they're proposing would still require me to periodically have a septic tank pumped. I am very diligent about maintaining my current septic system and participate in the island's batch pump-out program.

I appreciate the detailed attention the PSC staff and the Commissioners have given this matter. I also appreciate that you listened and gave consideration to our concerns and the impacts this proposal would have on me individually as well as our island community.

As president of the Beach Place Homeowners Association I am also speaking on behalf of our HOA which currently has 13 homes on 16 properties. We live on a beautiful island and work diligently to maintain our island environment.

Thank you,
Joe Noto
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From: mike@classicwindowcoverings.com
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU Palm Island Sewers

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Palm Island at 420 S. Gulf Blvd. It is my sincere hope that you accept the PSC recommendation to deny the ridiculous sewer project on Palm Island. How you could even consider such a convoluted solution is beyond my comprehension. If you want sewers on Palm Island, the County should put in the sewers. Considering the ridiculous property taxes the residents of Palm Island pay, I would think the County would be able to manage this project and put in a proper sewer system. The solution you are proposing is insane!

Michael Schouten

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From: Sandy MacKinnon <smackinnonadm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Cc: Palm Island Estates
Subject: Fwd: Docket#20200226-SU

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From: Sandy MacKinnon <smackinnonadm@gmail.com>
Date: May 27, 2022 at 3:47:40 PM EDT
To: Commisioner Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us
Cc: Palm Island Estates <pie@palmislandestates.org>
Subject: Fwd: Docket#20200226-SU

From: Sandy MacKinnon <smackinnonadm@gmail.com>
Date: May 27, 2022 at 3:35:37 PM EDT
To: Commisioner Passidomo
Cc: Palm Island Estates <pie@palmislandestates.org>
Subject: Docket#20200226-SU

Dear Commisioner Pasidomo. I own two properties on donpedro island 400 s gulf blvd and one at 328 unit 28 on gulf blvd .

I am respectively asking the commission to follow the staff recomendation on the sewer project and that it should be denied!

Thank you in advance for your every consideration and positive actions!
Great fully
AD mackinnon

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