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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:21 AM
To: 'Michelle Brown'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to EU's proposed central sewer system for our island community. This project is not only unnecessary but also financially burdensome, environmentally destructive, and technologically flawed. I urge you to deny EU's proposal for the following reasons:

1. No Demonstrated Need - There has been no water quality testing or scientific evidence presented to justify the need for a sewer system. Implementing such a drastic and costly project without clear justification is irresponsible. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of folks that spoke at the January service hearings were strongly opposed (with the exception of those that had financial interest or were related to the applicant), yet this proposal is being pushed forward without our consent. *Since there's no scientific evidence this is needed*

and the overwhelming majority of residents (again, other than those related to the applicant or those with a financial interest), why is this being considered?

2. Excessive Cost to Homeowners - The estimated upfront cost for each homeowner exceeds \$40,000. As the overwhelming majority of folks mentioned during the January service hearings, we are opposed and do not want/need this. *Would you like to be forced to pay for something you and your neighbors have made it clear that you don't need?*

3. Use of Outdated Technology - EU plans to install a low-pressure sewer system—an outdated technology that Charlotte County itself no longer installs due to excessive maintenance requirements. It is unreasonable to saddle our community with an inferior system that even the county has deemed unfit. *Is it not a red flag that the EU is suggesting equipment that Charlotte County considered unsuitable?*

4. Environmental Destruction - The construction process will cause years of disruption and irreversibly damage our island's fragile ecosystem. Natural wildlife habitats will be destroyed, and the character of our island will be permanently altered. The environmental cost of this project is far too great. *Is it worth destroying the environment and essentially extorting millions of dollars from island residents to stuff the pockets of the inexperienced EU?*

This sewer proposal lacks justification, places an undue financial burden on residents, relies on outdated technology, and threatens our island's environment. I strongly urge you to deny EU's application and recognize the voices of the overwhelming majority of our island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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