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Good Morning Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Chapman

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.

Thank you

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Commissioners,

As a resident of Palm Island, I strongly urge you to vote against permitting EU to be awarded the approval to provide a sewer system to our community.

First, there is no need for this system. There has been no water testing or any evidence of need for sewer and there has not been any polling of the community for interest. Second, EU would be a private company running this instead of the county. The residents would not have any central oversight, there is no competition for EU, and no payment plans for the residents of Palm Island, if this was awarded.

Third, this is being forced upon residents who have just experienced two major hurricanes in a short time period, and are just recovering from the major expense to repair

their homes. The realistic estimated cost to the homeowner is over \$40K up front! There will be no “pay-over-time”, no low-cost loans and no way to opt out. Not sure how I would even go about financing this project, I just got done using my savings to repair my home. I'm not taking a loan when I'm retired and living on fixed income.

Fourth, EU wants to use a low-pressure systems, which Charlotte County won't install any more because of the excessive maintenance they require. Why would you ever even consider permitting EU to do this inferior work?

Fifth, The proposed sewer project will cause years of disruption and destroy natural wildlife habitats for decades. The island will never be the same! There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure. Your allowing EU to rob the residents of this island.

Our small island cannot handle the difficulty and burden this would present to everyday life having our roads ripped up for many years, residents having to provide 15 ft of their property to install this system in which we cannot build anything, drive over or install anything permanent on this area of our land. Another burden to our residents.

We will also have to buy a grinder pump for our homes which would be susceptible to our harsh salt air and therefore, require additional maintenance costs. Each homeowner will have to provide electric permits and service, plumbing and the system will need a generator to run in a power outage. **Costs, Costs, Costs!!!**

How will EU provide service after hours in an emergency? There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

The financial burden to the residents is astronomical! You are not only causing financial strain, but ruining the lives of people who have worked their whole lives to have a private home. All so a private company can decide they want to make some money. Central sewer systems carry a greater risk of leaks compared to individual septic systems, potentially impacting larger areas and more properties.

As our elected representatives, please listen to the concerned residents of Palm Island and understand our viewpoint. I strongly urge you to stand up for your supporters and vote **NO** to EU.

Sincerely,

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