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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:04 AM
To: 'Amanda Small'
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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Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear PSC Clerk and Commissioners,

As a registered Interested Person and vocal opponent in Docket #20240032-SU, I was VERY disheartened to open and read my email on 3/20/2025 with the Commission's Post Hearing Decision to recommend Environmental Utilities, LLC's (EU) application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County to be approved. Why was this so disheartening? After reading through EVERY word of the document, it was VERY CLEAR that the initial opposition letter I had written to the PSC in 2024 and mine and my husband's testimony at the hearing in January of this year, along with the OVERWHELMING majority of islanders who also wrote

letters and provided testimony in opposition clearly were not regarded. I'm a details person. So, I can understand the Commission was following the application process in its recommendation. However, anyone who, like me, read every word of the initial application, read every word of every letter submitted to the PSC docket, and watched every minute of testimony at the public hearing in January of 2025, would easily grasp that the VAST MAJORITY of the those of us in the proposed service area did not request service, do not want this service, there is no proven need for this service, cannot afford this service, and would DENY this application. Just like you denied it the first time EU applied. The Commissioners at the hearing in January seemed to be listening at the time and seemed to indicate that they were indeed taking our testimony into consideration. I am begging you to recall all of the letters written and testimony given once again before you make your final decision on this docket. If you do so, you will come to the obvious conclusion, that this application should be denied for a SECOND time.

Below are a some of the highlights that I and many of my fellow islanders have already hammered on again and again as to why this application should be denied:

- We did not request this service.
- We do not want this service.
- There is no proven need for this service (no water quality tests or tests otherwise have illustrated a problem).
- We cannot afford this service (in excessive installation costs, new monthly service fees, never ending and frequent maintenance and repairs, loss of property rights in easements needed).
- The estimated cost by EU to install this is GROSSLY underestimated for our unique bridgeless barrier island environment.
- Our current septic system has worked for years without failing during power outages and named major storms and is properly maintained.
- Our home values and quality of life will sharply decline for years, if this is approved, as we will be living on an unlivable island while the ferry traffic will only get worse (already frequently an hour in each direction to get on or leave the island due to higher living density and increased contractor traffic due to new construction and never ending hurricane repairs) and no one will want to live or buy here.
- Charlotte County currently will no longer approve installation of the proposed system due to its excessive maintenance costs and potential contamination spills.

I could go on, but I should think you know all of this by now. Please use the discretion allotted to you to DENY this application for a second time!

Thank you,
Amanda and Edward Small
30 Kettle Harbor Drive, Placida, FL 33946 (full-time residence)

12 Pointe Way, Placida, FL 33946 (owned vacant lot in the service area that will never be built on if this application is approved)