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Good morning,

Please place the attached email in Docket No. 20240032. Thank you!

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for this opportunity to express my deepest concerns. I have lived on Don Pedro Island for more than 25 years. I have raised 3 children on the island and my Grandchildren feel like, in their words, it's "HOME".

This email is to express my objection to approving EU, the private utility company, to uproot our homes and lives as they exist on our pristine, yet already injured barrier islands. I personally know the Boyers and their family. They use to be my neighbors on the island. They are lovely people but I fear this project is meant for the wrong reasons, lining the pockets as we say, and going to be torturously destructive to our community and especially to the islands as we know it now. Many of my neighbors are against it too! Many of us showed up at the meeting but many more couldn't!

There are very few places on earth like our island and we all need to realize it's places like this along our coastlines that need to be protected.!

As evident in the last meeting, there is no proof that a transition from septic to sewer is even necessary. There have been no water samples done to show this. Remember the old saying, If it ain't broke, why fix it? In addition, the surrounding counties showed horrific pollution of sewer water dumping into local neighborhoods and our beautiful Gulf of America! Englewood and our islands

have suffered enough from the last three hurricanes. Enormous equipment stand on our beaches still sifting mountains of sand to help restore some dunes which are gone leaving barren, lifeless, grassless flatlands, where flourishing dune daisies and sea oats once thrived. Our homes have yet to be repaired and rebuilt so is it fair to put more of a financial burden on your neighbors, much less tear up our beautiful island even more for sewer construction and concrete pipeage!

Recently, just a few days ago our electric flickered off and on a few times. Yesterday, our power went off completely for hours. Worried about a very important and impending zoom meeting without power, at least I didn't have to worry about being able to flush my toilet on top of it all.

I have nesting ospreys on my chimney. This is the third nest of hatchlings! My undisrupted septic field lies below them, as I ponder, where would I put a sewer system if I had to, will the ospreys be disrupted too? I'm sure many of my neighbors don't have the available space on there properties either, since it can't be in place of the septic field!

Our workers already wait in line for hours coming in the morning and leaving in the afternoon, rebuilding our homes. How are we going to survive the added sewer traffic and for how many years? Worse yet sewers will open up the door to high rises and condos and more vacationers changing the face of our tiny barrier islands. This would be even more of a burden to our environment and our wildlife which is already struggling.

All of this destruction for a substandard system! Does this make any sense at all? Why would you vote for something homeowners will despise? We need to preserve our pristine piece of paradise, not jeopardize it even more than mother nature already has. I implore you to please respect our homes, our community, our way of life and your beaches!

Thank you,
Evelyn J Schaible