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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:19 AM
To: 'Jill Hoeft'
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,

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the the Docket #20240032-SU. We are owners on Don Pedro Island and I would like to take an opportunity to **oppose** the proposed installation of central sewer on the Island(s). What is being proposed is not something that has proven to be needed, it is extremely expensive to the home owners that have been through so much (and most of us have just spent tens of thousands of dollars to repair existing septs) and the system is extremely inefficient while putting a tremendous amount of financial distress on homeowners. If an actual sewer was being proposed like one would find on the mainland, perhaps it would make sense, but what is being proposed is absolutely not something that is logical.

For instance, the system being proposed requires a generator in case of power outage. Guess what. We have a lot of power outages. We all know how much a generator costs, how hurricanes work and how mechanical/electrical equipment with salt water don't mix. How does one ensure sewage doesn't back up when we have storms? How do we even connect generators when many homes are already maxed on their panels? Is the county going to update and fix our grid, assist with home electrical upgrades? Many homes are built to the extent of the lot, where are these new systems going to be placed and how does it keep the island "Old Florida Charm"? Who is the long term "General Contractor or manager" of this project and the overall watchdog of such a project? The county? EU? Army Corps of Engineers? Have any water quality testing been done to prove that this is a need? Are we going to get a credit or be compensated for easement rights on my property? How do "you" expect people to pay for this unwanted and unvalidated service? The list of fees for basic costs is astronomical, in addition to monthly bills, connection fees, usage, etc, etc.

Moving past fees and costs, think about the destruction to our island from heavy equipment, installation, and materials coming over. Is the county or EU going to run their own barge to do the work so that those of us on the island can continue to live with minimal interference? Have you come across to the island since the hurricanes and waited in line for the ferry? We love the ferry and do NOT want a bridge, but think about the traffic and congestion associated with taking this project on. Some days since Helene and Milton, we can't even navigate around the island. This project will have a major impact on every day living.

Please put yourselves in our position. Would you really, **honestly and truly**, want this for yourself and your families? No, no you would not. Especially since there are so many areas of unknown within this whole proposal. If this is something that you truly feel needs to happen, have it start with the new home builds, grandfather in those of us that have a septic and see what issues come from the new builds. Learn on a small scale prior to enforcing the entire island to further upheaval than what we have had since Ian, Idalia, Helene & Milton.

Please put yourselves in our shoes and see how you would really feel about this. It doesn't make sense and if you truly look at it with an eye of a homeowner and an island lover, you would agree.

Thank you kindly for your time.

~ Jill

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