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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:20 AM

To: 'Soosie Sirmons'
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

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399 850.413.6770

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Dear Commissioners:

Yet again I am writing to you as a property owner and resident of Don Pedro Island for 49 years. I strongly object to Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU]'s plan for wastewater service on our bridgeless barrier islands.

Given the fact that I *do not* believe there is a proven need for sewer service, the proposal to do so seems moot. But the primary reasons for requesting the denial of this particular proposal is the fact that it is a private for-profit utility and my concern regarding the applicant's financial strength and management experience. The costs (both hookup and rates) to the stakeholders involved with this project are exorbitant!!

It is my understanding that the current Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan places our islands in a "rural area" and does not allow a municipal/public sewer system. The purpose behind this regulation is to deter growth on the bridgeless barrier islands. Why, then, should a private utility be allowed . . . and supported by our County Commissioners???

I am heartened that we, as islanders, have collectively (even as our numbers have grown) been diligent stewards of our islands. The uniqueness of our location has dictated that we be ever mindful of our environment and its preservation. In keeping with that concern, I do not believe there is a need for sewer on our islands and that it would be detrimental on many levels.

Therefore, I am asking (with much background and personal knowledge) that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service!!

Yours truly,

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