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From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:30 AM
To: 'Pat Carlton'
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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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing you once again to voice our concerns about putting a private sewer system on our barrier islands.

1. We already have a private ferry service that is the only means of accessing our island. The costs for this service is very expensive. Although it does not apply to this docket, it is an example of where private companies, providing a service to the island becomes abhorrently expensive.
2. There is no need for service as there has been no water testing directly around our island showing any problem. Their testing was from the other side of the state. Also, each community meeting and PSC meeting was met with community backlash and petition to stop this process from costing the local taxpayers AGAIN to fight this scheme.
3. The system will cost my household \$40,000 to install. On top of that I ALREADY HAVE this system that failed in the hurricanes, at my home. It is an INFERIOR solution.

4. No competition, no opt-out provision, (if you already have one), and no structured payment plans. Their position is pay up or leave.
5. I have a system very similar to the one being proposed and it is BAD, expensive to maintain, and fails with flood events. Overflowing is the thing that they say is the reason to have them installed. SIMPLY, it wont work. Other communities have REMOVED this system in our county because it is outdated.
6. The impact on our fragile ecosystem on the islands would be horrendous.
7. Our island does not have a traffic system that will support such an invasive installation process.
8. There is no way for service to be performed on these systems from 10:30 PM to 6:30 AM. (Ferry hours)
9. Each homeowner will have to provide electric permits and service, plumbing and the system will need a generator to run in a power outage.
10. Mandatory easement of 15 feet is being proposed WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION. It is essentially a taking of property in my view.
11. So many other faults with this proposal, NO BONDING REQUIREMENT, the company has never run one of these expensive systems and will just pass the increased costs onto the island homeowners. There is little if any oversight.
12. Finally, for those of you at our hearings you saw first hand how many people took time out of their day. (evening), to speak to you, to show our support against the proposal. The opposition was easily 80% against the proposal, from my count.

Thank you for you time and service. Please vote AGAINST Environmental Utility's project.

Cordially

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