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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2025 3:51 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032  
**Attachments:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #2024002.

Thanks.

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**From:** John Baird <[jbaird@steer4solutions.com](mailto:jbaird@steer4solutions.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2025 11:30 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;  
Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU  
**Attachments:** Docket #20240032-SU Opposition Letter.pdf

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Please find attached my letter of opposition for Docket #20240032-SU.

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**From:** Mike G <miketothegreen@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear County Clerk,

As a deeply concerned citizen and a property owner with multiple holdings on Don Pedro Island,

I stand in staunch opposition to the approval of this application.

My concern is that this will place undue financial burden on myself and the other residents of our beautiful island. Furthermore I am concerned this will pave the way for large development and zoning changes that will essentially result in a land grab by deep pocket corporations.

After watching the hearing regarding the application submitted by Environmental Utilities, LLC for a certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, I am absolutely appalled by the mere suggestion that this application might be approved. They have no experience related to this field, no track record of success and lack the financial capability to recover from a failure of this system caused by a large storm surge which, as you know has been more frequent. I am concerned that the containment is insufficient to handle these increasing storms and would likely result in larger contamination than the current systems which have functioned well for decades. Their proposal does not even use the safest, most up to date system in terms of pressure which will cost more and perform poorly.

My objections are not based on trivial preferences, but on a profound commitment to preserving the unique integrity of our barrier islands and protecting the well-being of our community. Let me state once again: I am vehemently opposed to this application for several critical, non-negotiable reasons:

The financial implications of this project are staggering and unjust. Taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund poorly conceived projects that serve the private interests of a few at the expense of the greater community. Furthermore, the idea that property owners like myself would be saddled with the costs—both initial and ongoing—is completely unacceptable. In light of these irrefutable points, I demand that you reject this application in its entirety.

In light of these compelling arguments, I implore you to uphold the principles of environmental stewardship and community welfare by unequivocally denying Environmental Utilities, LLC's application for wastewater service. Our collective future depends on responsible decision-making that prioritizes sustainability, integrity, and the preservation of our natural resources.

Our community, our environment, and our collective future depend on decisions that prioritize responsible stewardship, respect for our natural resources, and the preservation of the unique qualities that make Don Pedro

Island so special. Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter. I trust you will make the right decision, for our community and our environment.

Respectfully,  
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Regards,

Mike Green

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**From:** Novak, Rick <rmnovak@uic.edu>  
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**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioner Graham,

I am writing as a home owner on Little Gasparilla Island to voice my strongest possible opposition to the above docket for a sewer system on the Bocilla barrier Islands. There is absolutely no need for this system as no problem exists with the current management of sewage on these islands and the overwhelming majority of homeowners oppose it. In the words of President Reagan, “ If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”. This proposal is a money making scheme for the FOR PROFIT Environmental Utilities who have NO experience with such a system. The costs would be passed on to us owners and is estimated to cost each home owners in excess of \$40,000, plus monthly fees once in place. They are proposing an outdated low pressure technology that Charlotte County won’t install any more because of the excessive cost to maintain. These have a high failure rate and spillage of raw sewage into our delicate island and intracoastal environment will be disastrous for wildlife, the fisheries and tourism. Construction fo this system will be very disruptive to the island residents. These are bridgeless islands and access is dependent on a ferry which does not operate on a regular schedule. If there is an emergency with the sewage system, access to repair it will be slow in arriving.

This system will be an undue burden on homeowners: each homeowner will have to provide electric permits and service as well as a generator for the frequent power outages on the island. We would also have to give away 15’ of property for an easement. Also, there is no oversight for this

project, no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

Please do not impose this terrible project on the people of the Bocilla Islands and vote no again on this project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** sherry esch <eschsherry@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Sir or Madame,  
I oppose this sewer application for the following reasons:

1. We just replaced our entire septic system for a cost of over \$20,000 and it works perfectly. We have no need for a sewer.
2. The costs of a sewer would be excessive and many people would not be able to afford it.
3. EU wants to use a low pressure system that has an excessive maintenance required and is outdated.
4. We have had horrible traffic on the island due to Ian, Helene and Milton for the past few years and installation of the sewer system would only add to this congestion for years.
5. Each homeowner would have to have electric permits and service, plumbing and a generator which only adds to the exorbitant costs.
6. The required easements would need each owner to give a 15 foot easement that we could not build on, drive over or put anything permanent on.
7. There is no performance bond required and we would have no recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.
8. How will the grinder pump get emergency repairs after the ferry closes down?
9. This sewer project will disrupt the natural wildlife habitats for years and years!

Please DO NOT APPROVE THIS SEWER APPLICATION!

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**From:** Kevin Tyler <kktyler@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Members of the Charlotte County PSC:

I am writing to urge you to reject this proposal for a privately-owned central sewer system. I am a property owner on Palm Island and will be directly affected by your decision. I would like to share several reasons why I believe this is a bad idea.

- Firstly, no evidence has been presented demonstrating a need for central sewer. The existing septic tanks are sanitary, environmentally safe, and function perfectly well for their intended purpose. This is the proverbial solution looking for a problem.
- The estimated expenses to homeowners range from outrageous to obscene, depending on whose estimate you believe.
- The proposed central system will replace relatively simple and cheap technology with lift pumps and collection stations that are far more complicated, susceptible to power outages, less reliable in general, and certainly less reliable in times of natural disaster.
- The financing scheme for this boondoggle is outrageous. From what I can see, the homeowners will be funding most of the capital costs to build out the infrastructure for a private company. That company will then charge rates that are easily double the equivalent ones in nearby Rotonda. As the old saying goes, nice work if you can get it.

The cherry on top: participation would be mandatory and enforced by law.

So in summary: an unneeded “service”; exorbitant up-front fees, on-going monthly rates far in excess of reasonable; government-mandated participation; and for the sole benefit of a politically-connected private “investor”? No! Absolutely not!

This is an outrageous scam and I urge you to reject it.

Sincerely,

Kevin Tyler