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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:18 PM
To: 'Laurie Barclay'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: SEWER PROPOSAL: PLEASE VOTE AGAINST

Good Afternoon Ms. Barclay and Mr. Collett

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.

Thank you

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We are homeowners on Don Pedro Island for 35 years. We strongly oppose the sewer proposal because:

Our existing septic works just fine and requires no power to operate. If the power goes out on a sewer system, raw sewage would back up into our home within 8 hours.

The cost of installing and maintaining a sewer, generator, and associated costs is prohibitive and unnecessary.

Sewers pose environmental hazards to the fragile ecosystems and wildlife on our pristine island. Consider all the sewer systems that dumped billions of gallons of sewage into the Gulf, causing red tide, destroying marine life, and ruining air quality.

The generators needed for backup are also a hazard and could catch fire.

Our island life and finances have already been severely disrupted by the hurricanes. The last thing we need is more disruption from sewers being installed and maintained and ultimately failing, not to mention the extreme upfront costs and backup to traffic getting on and off the island.

There is no need for sewer on our island. The only one it benefits is those who proposed it for their own financial gain.

EU wants to use outdated technology -- low-pressure systems, which Charlotte County won't install any more because of the excessive maintenance they require.

We would lose an estimated 15' runway of our property from our house to the road that we can't build on, drive over or put anything permanent on.

Central Sewer opens the door to high-rises, which would destroy the old Florida, nature preserve feeling of our pristine island.

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

In short, we do not want this and have never wanted it. We have spoken up against it each time it has come up. Please VOTE NO and put an end to this once and for all.

Sincerely,

Laurie Barclay and Richard Collett

Homeowners: CDP Unit #8 and 50 S. Gulf, Don Pedro Island