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St. George Plantation Owners Association

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RE: Docket No. 090189-SU (Water Management Services Motion)

## Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing to you as President of the St. George Plantation Owners' Association, Inc. (SGPOA) to object to the Motion for Variance filed by Water Management Service in its application for a centralized sewer system on St. George Island. SGPOA is a planned unit development on the western end of St. George Island. SGPOA and affiliated associations consists of 1024 platted lots. Currently, there are 504 homes. There are approximately 1300 acres with 4.5 miles of Gulf frontage and 4.5 miles of bay frontage in the Plantation.

Owners in the Plantation have a vested interest in the wastewater decisions made on the island. Most of the homes built in the Plantation now have aerobic systems. It is our understanding that for a centralized sewer system to be commercially viable, the entire island would be mandated to participate in the centralized system.

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Our objections to the filing are as follows:

No authoritative studies have been conducted to determine the causes of the pollution in Gulf and Bay waters.

No public hearings have been conducted to explore alternative solutions to address the pollution.

Approving this application would be pre-emptive and exclusive without sufficient public input and scientific data.

The application is too vague.

## SGPOA requests:

- The Application for a Centralized Sewer System on St. George Island and the Motion for Variance From Portions of Rule 25-30.033(1) FAW, and Form PSC/ECR 009-W be denied.
- 2. Adequate scientific studies be performed to determine the causes of the pollution in the Gulf and Bay waters.
- An evening public hearing be conducted in Franklin County after the completion of the studies so the citizens can be heard on the analysis of the studies and the conclusions reached.
- 4. The cost and impact of a centralized system be revealed.
- 5. Alternative solutions to address the problems are equally considered.

Please add the SGPOA to the list of interested parties so notice of hearings will be sent to us.

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Sincerely,

Robert W. McMillan

President

CC: Marsha E. Rule, Esq.

**SGPOA Board of Directors**