

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 11:18 AM
To: 'Andrea Moen'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Andrea Moen

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226-SU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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From: Andrea Moen <amoen59@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Moen, Andrea <Andrea.Moen@va.gov>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island which is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer. I object to EU's request for the bifurcation of the certificate and rate-making proceedings and I object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rule 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q). Given the inadequate information regarding the applicant's financial strength and management experience as well as the costs to the stakeholders involved with this project, the applicant's request for a waiver should be denied.

Financial Ability, Exhibit "B" of the application states "The applicant shall provide copies of any financial agreements between the listed entities and the utility." The attached letter from Centennial Bank that was referenced begins "**This letter is NOT a commitment to lend, and is for discussion purposes only.**"

EU has no experience in a project of this size or nature, so any cost estimates verbally given to the stakeholders by Mr. Boyer are not based on experience and could be completely irrelevant. Certainly, there is no substantiation or supporting evidence for the verbal estimates that are being given.

It is a disservice to the stakeholders in the proposed area to require that they evaluate and comment on the project within 30 days of notice without having the most critical information. Should the stewardship of the project become untenable, another entity will have to install sewer in the future. If the service area is certificated before the rate-making portion of the application is completed and released to the stakeholders, it could result in great expense for another utility to secure the service area from EU. This expense, in turn, would be passed to the ratepayers.

As a stakeholder in the proposed service area, it is important to have all of the relevant information regarding the proposed central sewer, including the proposed rates, connection fees and the type of system intended for installation. I formally request that the “Motion to Bifurcate and Temporary Rule Waiver” be denied.

Yours truly,

Andrea M. Moen (amoen59@gmail.com)