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Attn: Public Service Commission Clerk of the Commission <u>clerk@psc.state.fl.us</u>

Re: Docket #20240032-SU

To Whom It May Concern:

We are property owners on Knight Island, commonly called Palm Island. We are writing to ask that you **deny** EU's application to provide wastewater service to our island. This is the second time this application has been presented, no pertinent factors have changed since the first time it was denied, and it should be denied again. Furthermore, EU should be barred from making further repetitive and vexatious applications.

The island does not need a central sewer service, nor did we ask for one! The company repeating its previously made and denied application is a "for profit" company with zero experience in wastewater management, which forebodes an environmental disaster just waiting to happen. EU has zero concern for the environmental health of Florida's barrier islands or for the lives of the people who live there. Approving this application will force property owners to cover exorbitant connection fees, raise our utility bills, and infringe on our property rights. We will be required to give access to our properties for installation and maintenance; and we will be required to cede an easement over our properties for a service we don't want but will be required to use. Our properties, which are home to endangered / threatened species, such as Florida's gopher tortoises and bobcats, will be torn up for installation – without our approval or control.

EU is not qualified as a contractor to install this service, and there is no need for the service. Yet we, the residents and property owners of Palm Island, will bear the physical and financial fallout of any project failures, cost overruns, or fiscal instability of the applicant. The property we have owned for over 20 years has been owned by our family for close to 35 years; our septic tank has served us well over those years. We see no reason that has been presented for approving this application. In fact, we see no reason for the application having been made other than to enrich the unqualified applicant. We are outraged that we must respond to this application a second time! We urge the commission to deny the application and prohibit any further repetitive filings.

Sincerely,

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