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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:48 AM
To: 'Laura Roberts'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning Laura Roberts,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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My Name is Laura Roberts and I am a homeowner on Don Pedro Island

I would like to log my objection to the proposed sewer application for Don Pedro, Knight and Palm Island submitted by EU.

My concerns are many, starting with a private utility being awarded a contract to install sewers. I do not believe they will be able to fulfill the obligation to install and service the system proposed as they have no prior experience in this area. I further believe the system proposed is flawed and will ultimately cause harm to our beautiful island. The system proposed will not effectively remove our waste and will require it to be pumped out on a regular basis. The tanks proposed are also made out of fiberglass; there is a very real risk of them coming out of the ground during one of our frequent Florida storms. The system will be powered by each

resident's electricity, thus requiring the service of licensed electricians to install power to each individual pump. Residents will also have to install generators in case the power goes out or risk backups into our homes, further increasing the already high price of installation and maintenance of this poorly designed system. The fees this private company submitted are very low compared to what residents historically use.

I understand Charlotte County wants what is best for the environment as do I, but I beg you to consider all the options before authorization is given. Including having the county install real sewers or letting us continue to use the septic systems that are working just fine, and will continue to function with proper maintenance.

Our island is unique in many ways. Please visit here to assess if there truly is a need before you make a blanket decision that will cause more harm than good.

Sincerely,

Laura Roberts

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