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Dear Office of Commission Clerk,

We own a house at 281 N Gulf Blvd. on Knight Island, FL. We urge you to please deny EU's application to be the service company for a sewer system for Palm Island, Don Pedro, and Knight Island. These people have zero experience in this business.

We don't need it or want it. Our septic fields are not the polluters of the waters. Other systems in place like recycled water are dumping far more nutrients into our water system that attribute to red tide and cause environmental damage then our septic systems.

Secondly EU is not experienced enough to build nor maintain a septic system. Please tell us what projects they have done that shows they are capable of installing such a system on such a large scale. Is the State or County guaranteeing that this company can properly install such a system? Are you requiring EV to produce a performance and payment bond to protect that the project will be done properly?

I fear what the cost will be for this sewer system from a company that has not done a septic system before. We do not want to have to pay for them to "learn" how to properly run a Public sewer system nor have to pay multiple times for their mistakes. I believe the learning curve will be more detrimental to the environment than keeping our septic systems. Last time they attempted this EU wanted to use plastic tanks which will float if not filled with liquid and require every hook up to have a Backup generator. This requirement for every home to have a generator is cost prohibitive to many owners. This possible requirement makes us doubt the ability of EU.

We are required to have our septic tanks emptied every 5 years. This practice more that protects our environment in keeping the nutrient levels within an acceptable range.

This sewer system is not wanted by the majority of people on the island. And EU has no experience in this type of system.

Please deny EU's this application.

Thank you.

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