

Brian Schultz

From: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 10:06 AM
To: 'John Ziegert'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket# 20200226

Good Morning, John Ziegert

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: John Ziegert <jziegert@uncc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket# 20200226

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is John C. Ziegert. I am a property owner at 221 Bocilla Drive on Don Pedro Island. My property is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer.

I am writing specifically to object to EU's request to bifurcate the certificate and rate-making proceedings. I also object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rules 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q).

Property owners in the proposed service area have a deadline of January 16, 2021 to present their objections. In bifurcating the application, no information regarding estimated rates and connection fees for this project will be available until the Spring of 2022.

As future consumers, we have been asked to present our objections to a proposal for which we have no idea what the associated costs will be nor the type of system we will be paying for. All of which has been timed to take place during a tumultuous holiday season within a global pandemic.

I object to all of this, plus the applicant's lack of experience as an owner/operator of a wastewater utility and the inadequate information regarding the applicant's financial strength. I believe that Environmental Utilities has no experience in building this type of system. They do not have any engineering staff who can provide credible estimates of cost, and therefore are requesting this bifurcation. Furthermore, they do not appear to have the financial resources to complete the proposed sewer project. I believe they are simply trying to obtain the rights to build the sewer system, and then sell those rights to some other party; and have no intention of actually completing this important project. Therefore, I formally request that EU's Motion to Bifurcate and Temporary Rule Waiver be denied.

Yours truly,

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