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**From:** Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2021 10:06 AM  
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**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #2020026-SU

Good Morning, Robert Der

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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**Subject:** Docket #2020026-SU

RE. Docket #2020026-SU

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Robert Der, Trustee for the property located on 171 South Gulf Boulevard (on Don Pedro Island) Placida, FL 33946. The property is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for a proposed central sewer system.

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

Property owners in the proposed service area have been advised that we a deadline of January 4, 2021 to present any objections to EU's request. In bifurcating the application, no information regarding estimated rates and connection fees for this project will be available until the Spring of 2022. Further, I still have not yet received any formal communication regarding the proposed project. In fact, none of my neighbors that I had spoken was not aware of the proposed central sewer project and did not receive any communication about the

project and related waiver request. We have not been provided with the estimated costs and the type of system planned to be constructed. All of which has been timed to take place during a tumultuous holiday season within a global pandemic. I 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). 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 in a highly complicated and environmentally sensitive project makes the proposal, and the contractor, unacceptable to me. Again, I formally request that EU's Motion to Bifurcate and Temporary Rule Waiver be denied.

I want to reiterate that a complicated major infrastructure project with possible significant environmental impact on a barrier island is not an ideal first project for a novice company without demonstrated significant financial support such as EU. As of this writing, I do not know what kind of system is proposed, any risk or liability to or by EU, any penalty for the utility failing basic care or non-performance and failure of the proposed project?

I would like the following additional information:

Is Charlotte County (or other Florida counties) successful in allowing private utility companies to startup a sewer facility?

How many such utility companies have been required to be bought back by a county in Florida that allowed a novice private company to try an ambitious infrastructure project?

Is there a plan for a future takeover/ buyout by the county?

We want a stable utility company with transparency, experience and financial endurance in honestly fulfilling contracts to perform the project not a startup company.

Yours truly,

Robert Der

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