

Antonia Hover

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:31 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE RE. Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Formal request to DENY Environmental Utilities Docket # 20200226-SU; RE Docket # 20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket # 20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket# 20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

Hannah E. Branum
Executive Assistant to Commissioner Clark
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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:35 PM
To: 'robinmadden@islanderproperties.com'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Madden,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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Sincerely,

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From: robinmadden@islanderproperties.com <robinmadden@islanderproperties.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioners: I own two properties, a residence located at 64 Tarpon Way and a business, Islander Properties, Inc. located at 330 S Gulf Blvd Unit 40 on Don Pedro-Knight-Palm Island. I am formally requesting that you deny Environmental Utilities, LLC. application to provide a central sewer system. My concerns are as follows:

- the applicant's financial ability to take on this project
- the applicant's technical expertise
- the uncertainty of future rates and charges
- the need for additional costs, such as electrical panels, tree/landscape removal/replacement, installation of a generator
- the applicant's inability to provide a pay over time plan
- the lack of statistic analysis that proves we are polluting the waters

As a business owner and real estate Broker who sells and help buyers purchase property on our island, this entails additional costs, when in fact a new septic tank and/or septic field has been paid for recently. I personally have to replace my septic field in the next month for \$9000 and certainly do not want to incur another \$25,000 plus for a sewer replacement, when this new field will have a life span of 15 years.

Again, please deny the application.

Robin Madden

Owner/Broker

Islander Properties, Inc.

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Charlotte County Tourist Development Council Member

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2015 President Englewood Area Board of Realtors

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To: 'S Crymes'
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

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Cc: Rhonda Freeman <rffreeman123@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

EMAIL TO:

Clerk of the Commission clerk@psc.state.fl.us
Commissioner LaRosa: Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us
Commissioner Clark: Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us
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RE. Docket #20200226-SU

We object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization. We are asking the PSC to deny EU's application for wastewater service.

1. FINANCIAL ABILITY of the applicant

We have had a reasonably good service experience with the applicant related to the water service. However, we have seen no evidence that convinces us that the applicant has the financial ability to build, maintain and service this type of sewage system. Also, the applicant has not addressed how the system will be serviced in the event of failure during a storm or conditions.

There is no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

This project is too important to sub out to an unqualified applicant

2. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE of the applicant

We have had a reasonably good service experience with the applicant related to the water service. However, we have seen no evidence that convinces us that the applicant has the technical expertise to build, maintain and service this type of sewage system.

Also, a failure will concentrate sewage into the failure point, potentially resulting in significant impacts to the environment and all the creatures living near a concentrated spill. Manatees are already dying at high rates due to loss of seagrass due in part to red tide. If there was a failure that dumped a concentrated and high amount into the bay where the manatees feed, for example, they could be even more negatively impacted than they are today.

I'm also concerned about how the project will impact the gopher tortoise and other species that are native to Little Gasparilla Island.

3. FAIR & EQUITABLE RATES & CHARGES

We are extremely concerned that the mandatory costs of sewage in addition to the mandatory water hook up is going to drive our retired neighbors that are full time islanders off island. Many live on fixed incomes. Also, increased costs will make ownership out of reach for many more in the future. We do not want to island to become financially accessible only to the most wealthy. Already, the market prices are pushing us in this direction and this project has the potential to drive off existing full time and retired neighbors. Historically, LGI has had some economic diversity given to its lower cost basis to own a home. Our concern is related to one time fees as well as the ongoing cost including:

- Average monthly cost. Our water bill is already extremely high. Total cost for water, sewage and trash removal should be higher than the mainland due to cost of providing service, but not many multiples of what it costs on the mainland. Common sense would suggest that while providing this service is more difficult, the multiplier should be within a reasonable range. **Our water bill is already much too high in our opinion and some of the most expensive in the State of Florida**
- Uncertain Hook-up Cost: We have no realistic idea of what it will cost
- Electric: the system pump requires a separate electric panel, installed by a licensed electrician at the expense of the owner. We don't have specifications to get bids and estimate what this will cost
- No grandfathering of septic systems: regardless of age or **condition**. We installed a new septic at 8394 Little Gasparilla Island before we sold the house to our neighbors recently. The cost of this new system was included in the price set to sell the house. The new buyers just paid for this system recently and are retired. As long as the system is serviced and operating per requirements, don't see a need to replace immediately unless mandated by Federal, State or County law or regulation. We do not see evidence that this is the case.
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Our names are Sarah Crymes and Rhonda Freeman. We own a home on Little Gasparilla Island at 8342 Grand Ave., Placida, FL 33946. We also own land on Little Gasparilla Island at 8336, 8338, 8346, 8400 Grand Ave and 8392, 8396 Little Gasparilla Island.

Our mailing address is 1255 Jackson St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Our emails are s_crymes@hotmail.com and rfreeman123@yahoo.com

Thank you

Sincerely,

Sarah and Rhonda

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:34 PM
To: 'Soosie Sirmons'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Sirmons,

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From: Soosie Sirmons <soosie71@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

To The Clerk of the PSC and Commissioners LaRosa, Clark and Passidomo:

I am writing to you as a **property owner and resident of Don Pedro Island for over 45 years**. My residence is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer. **I object to EU's plan for wastewater service on our bridgeless barrier islands.**

Given the the fact that I do not believe there is a proven need for sewer service, the proposal to do so seems moot. But the primary reasons for requesting the denial of this particular proposal is my concern regarding the applicant's financial strength and management experience as well as the costs (both hookup and rates) to

the stakeholders involved with this project. Having personally known the applicant since his arrival on the island in 1986, I am highly concerned about the financial responsibility and business acumen of the applicant. As an individual, the applicant has been a good friend for all these years, but his ability and record of running businesses is questionable.

Therefore, ***I am asking (with much background and personal knowledge) that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service!!***

Yours truly,

Susan Sirmons
190 Kettle Harbor Dr.
Don Pedro Island
soosie71@gmail.com

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:33 PM
To: 'James Greenbaum'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

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From: James Greenbaum <jamesgreenbaum@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:42 PM
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Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Hello,

My name is James Greenbaum. I am a Florida resident at 170 Kettle Harbor Drive, Placida, FL 33946.

I am very concerned about EU's application for a private wastewater service. I do not feel there is a need for this service. Furthermore, I never inquired, or requested any service like this. I take excellent care of my private septic system.

The owner of EU has no experience or expertise in this area of business, and this concerns me. He has not provided proof of financial security to take on such a project, causing even more concern. There is no evidence or reason for their rate structure, and no information provided by them regarding the structure of charges in the future.

It is my opinion that this project application should be denied. I am worried not only for myself, but for other residents as well.

James Greenbaum

James Greenbaum
170 Kettle Harbor Drive
Placida, FL 33946

978-815-1577 cell

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:33 PM
To: 'bocilla@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Formal request to DENY Environmental Utilities Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. and Ms. Wilkins,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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Subject: Formal request to DENY Environmental Utilities Docket #20200226-SU

January
24, 2022

SUBJECT: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners and Clerk of the Commission,

My name is Marcia Wilkins. My husband Gary and I have been fulltime residents on Don Pedro Island since we built in 1989, and part-time residents before then. We are writing to formally request that the Public Service Commission DENY Environmental Utilities LLC's (EU) application under Docket #20200226-SU for wastewater service.

We ask that the EU application be **DENIED** for the following reasons:

1. **Lack of technical expertise:** EU personnel have no experience operating a wastewater service.
2. **No demonstrated need for wastewater service for our local waters:** We are not aware of any environmental studies or water quality testing showing a need for central sewer for our local Lemon Bay and northern Charlotte Harbor waters.
3. **No grandfathering of existing/new septic systems:** We have been fulltime residents for more than 30 years. A few years ago we went to great expense, time and effort to permit and replace our existing septic system. As we had gone to this expense just a few years ago, we like many other owners of newer homes look for some grandfathering of newer systems, but this is not contemplated by the EU application. All homeowners are expected to connect within a year ... no exceptions.
4. **Egregious Connection Charges:** We, like many island residents, are retired and on a fixed income. The exorbitant costs of the more than \$12K connection fee PLUS crushing and filling our existing septic tank PLUS the cost of running lines through our private common drive over to our property PLUS the added electrical service PLUS the added generator for EU's sewer solution PLUS moving and replacing displaced landscaping are well beyond our planned expenses for this time of our lives – especially given the recent full replacement of our septic tank system.
 - a. The original 12/2020 estimate for connection fees was nearly \$20K and while the current \$12K is somewhat reduced with no logical explanation, the ongoing monthly fees in perpetuity have increased significantly.
 - b. There has been no "pay-over-time" plan proposed suggesting all expenses will come due at one time.
5. **Even More Egregious Monthly Rates:** It appears the estimated monthly cost of EU's sewer service would average more than \$250/month for usage based on 4,000 gallons. This is 3x – 4x the cost of comparable monthly service in surrounding areas.
6. **No centralized oversight:** As there is no official governmental body with oversight and enforcement authority over this immensely expensive project, the likelihood of a failure in full or in part is increased which would leave homeowners stuck paying these costs more than once. The likelihood is significant given:
 - a. EU has never undertaken a wastewater project.
 - b. EU would not be required to take out a performance bond in the event of cost overruns or project failure, leaving island owners left paying even more to complete the project.
 - c. The PSC, Florida DEP, Charlotte County and the Army Corps of Engineers each have oversight over a single, specific area of the project covered by specific regulation or permitting.
7. **Negative impact on island wildlife:** We love the native environment of the barrier islands and work hard to support efforts to protect this special environment. EU has not offered anything showing plans to minimize impact on the native island wildlife from the protected gopher tortoises, indigo snakes, nesting Bald Eagles, etc. As the sewer grinder pump proposed has a limited capacity of 60 gallons (~25-30 flushes), if islanders don't have electrical power nor external fuel for generators during our frequent power interruptions, localized raw sewage issues will devastate wildlife and general quality of life at each property. Further, the risk of issues with raw sewage transiting under the intracoastal waterway independent of any storm related power outages is far greater than anticipated from individual septic tanks with the potential to have a devastating impact on our marine life and shore birds.

For these reasons, we are formally requesting that the Public Service Commission **DENY** Environmental Utilities request under Docket #20200226-SU.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Marcia and Gary Wilkins

7 Pointe Way, Don Pedro Island, FL

Email: Bocilla@comcast.net

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:32 PM
To: 'Kevin Stevens'
Subject: RE: Docket # 20200226-SU

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Stevens <palmland70@yahoo.com>
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Cc: Kevin Stevens <Palmland70@yahoo.com>
Subject: Docket # 20200226-SU

Kevin Stevens—Knight Island property owner.

Vote
NO
on Docket #20200226-SU

I strongly Object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

Signed
Kevin Stevens

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:32 PM
To: 'William Gillan'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

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Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioner Clark,

My name is Bill Gillan, and I am a property owner on Don Pedro Island. I am writing to object to the proposal by EU to install a central sewer system on Don Pedro Island, and to formally request that the Public Service Commission deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

I am objecting to EU's proposal for several reasons:

1. The project is poorly planned and the finances necessary for a project of this magnitude cause me grave concern. EU has not addressed how the system would be serviced in the event of failure, for instance during a storm or other event. There is no performance bond required and no single point of

general oversight and recourse for the project in the event of cost overruns or project failure. This lack of planning could prove to be catastrophic for our island.

2. The cost to each homeowner is unreasonable and burdensome. The current estimated cost of hook-up for each homeowner is over \$13,000 and the average cost per month is over \$178.00 per month. This amount does not include the landscaping and hardscaping around the septic area that would need to be cleared at our expense, and an electric panel for the system pump will have to be installed by a licensed electrician which will also be at our expense. We would also be responsible for replacing equipment when needed which could be often since salt air takes a heavy toll on mechanical and electrical equipment here. These are expenses we were not planning on or made aware of when we purchased our house on Don Pedro Island. This creates an unnecessary financial hardship on me and other homeowners on the island, especially since EU's proposal does not include a pay-over-time option. We would be unfairly forced to take loans to cover the costs for a project that the residents do not want.
3. There is no proven need for a central sewer system to be installed on the island. This unnecessary project would result in the destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species that make our island a unique and beautiful place to live. Additionally, the risk is high for a central sewer leak affecting the Intracoastal waterway.

There are numerous other reasons for EU's proposal to be denied, but the fact is that the risks of going forward with this project far outweigh the benefits. I hope you will consider the impacts on the homeowners of Don Pedro Island who will be greatly affected by this needless and poorly planned project, as well as the detrimental impacts to our unique island environment, and deny EU's application for wastewater service that the residents of Don Pedro do not want.

Thank you,

Bill Gillan
bgillan@comcast.net

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:31 PM
To: 'Vicki Johnson'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

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From: Vicki Johnson <srbvicki@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

I am a property owner on Palm Island, specifically at 60 S Gulf Blvd. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed central sewer project. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny EU's application for wastewater service. It appears this new request is only to the benefit of an uncertain and unproven business. The proposed project has major implications and costs to the environment and residents.

Please see my major concerns below:

1. As a homeowner, I have major concerns about mandatory hookup requirements. We are not willing or able to pay extraordinary costs to convert to a new system when there is nothing wrong with our current septic that we maintain.

2. The proposed monthly residential cost for service is reported to be extremely high and not acceptable. The rates being shared are above and beyond current rates on the mainland and would be a totally new monthly expense for Palm Island homeowners.

3. The proposed system reliability and maintenance is unproven. The applicant has not demonstrated any technical expertise with this type of project nor do they have a proven record that they can safely and reliably service the proposed system.

4. The risk to the environment due to this project or future system failure is much greater and more adverse than the current private property septic system. You cannot wait for a catastrophe to occur for this fact to be proven. One storm can cause much more damage to a central sewer system than a residential septic tank.

I urge you to take these concerns into consideration and deny the EU's application for wastewater service. Thanks in advance for doing what is right for the residents of Palm Island.

Respectfully,
Vicki Johnson
60 S Gulf Blvd, Palm Island, FL
srbvicki@gmail.com / [\(850\) 619-0505](tel:(850)619-0505)

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:31 PM
To: 'Joan Der'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Der,

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From: Joan Der <joan.der7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:50 AM
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Cc: Sally And dick Johnson <sbjohnson3@gmail.com>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

I am Joan Der and I live with my husband at 171 S. gulf Blvd. on DPI. I am formally requesting that the **PSC DENY EU's** application for wastewater service.

I wish to have Charlotte County provide the municipal wastewater service accorded other taxpayers, not abdicate to a novice, financially unstable private company like EU.

1. **NEED FOR SERVICE** (environmental impacts, development concerns) I take care of my septic system and other must do the same, given the frequency of septic cleanout trucks I see on the ferry. Palm Island Resort has it's own waste treatment system so they should not be allowed to drag us into a contract. Don Pedro and Knight Islands are low-density residences. There

aren't any buildings with owners living above each other. There is no commercial activity other than the Resort with its own sewer. We are a gentle, peaceful island already focused on conservancy. Lake Okeechobee releases are more problematic for water than our tiny island. A leak of wastewater under the inter coastal is riskier than perhaps a few residential leaks. DENY EU.

2. **FINANCIAL ABILITY** of the applicant. I met a former DPI resident at the ferry and I updated him on the upcoming sewer decision. When he found out Jack Boyer was behind the effort, he recounted troubles. When working for Jack, he resorted to receiving cash-only payment. The financial attachment to the PSC application is a blank tax return. No financial info is shown. Can EU be trusted with millions? Jack's conversations with other islanders indicate EU wants to maximize any charges possible. Can EU finance a project to completion? Do we deserve exorbitant charges to line EU pockets? DENY EU.
3. **TECHNICAL EXPERTISE** of the applicant My friend lived through the treated water distribution to Little Gasparilla Island. She had green bathtub water. The installation flooded her septic tank. She had to move out for a month. She repeatedly called Boyer and NEVER got a response. She has despises Boyer to this day. If treated water is handled in this reckless manner, what mishandling will happen with wastewater? Do contractors understand the difficulties of bringing equipment and workers over on a ferry? Will they observe the weight limits on our one-lane bridge? Who will choose these specialized contractors since EU has few employees? Does EU have the expertise to pick better contractors than they did for treated water for Little Gasparilla? They don't have my trust. HURRY and DENY EU
4. **Fair and reasonable rates** EU has already tried to apply as a private utility without providing rates. EU will charge the maximum. Why should I be charged an exorbitant premium for a complex project shrouded with doubtful design, installation and operation. We already fare unfavorably to other Charlotte County taxpayers in many respects for services.

I am concerned about the need to handle the waste processing at each house with the individual tank capacity at 60 gallons. Each house is projected to need 190 gallons per day in the application. It has been suggested that we will need an upgrade to our electric panel. But what worries me is need of a generator and propane to prepare for the frequent and/or unexpected electrical outages. This would make us riskier for fires. Can our Fire Department team on the island handle 2-3 fires that could occur during a short outage and when there are days of outage caused by severe wind?

I am not saying sewers are never a good idea. But there is not a need now. And if a sewer is in our future, please have Charlotte County provide the municipal service at a fair rate afforded other county residents. Not a novice, charging exorbitant fees for inferior or checkered services.

Would you trust your waste system to EU? Please Deny EU.

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:31 PM
To: 'Bruce and Becky Rougraff'
Subject: RE: Docket# 20200226-SU

Dear Mr. and Ms. Rougraff,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you over the past few months, both in person at our service hearings, and through the countless emails I have received. I want to stress how valuable the customer perspective is to me. Tomorrow the parties in this case will be filing briefs, laying out their arguments, and we are scheduled to make a decision the morning of Tuesday, May 3rd at our monthly Agenda Conference. If you would like to watch the Agenda Conference you may go to FloridaPSC.com, where it will be live streamed.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fw: Docket# 20200226-SU

On Monday, January 24, 2022, 9:56 AM, Bruce and Becky Rougraff <brougraff@aol.com> wrote:

I am writing to you regarding the new sewer proposal for Palm Island. I am not sure why this proposal has come into existence, as I don't know of any homeowner on Palm Island who is unhappy with our current situation. Further, I don't know of any homeowner who has requested that we change to sewers on the island. I am gravely concerned about the damage this will do to our beautiful island. Further I am extremely

Concerned about the expense of this project and how members of our community will pay for it. Skyrocketing property taxes already make living in Florida much more difficult than it used to be. And other issues/expenses arising with having a home on a barrier island make it a very expensive place to live. Adding a gigantic sewer project to this seems unnecessary and financially catastrophic for many of us. We are not a super wealthy island like many barrier islands in Florida. We are a quiet island that has kept things low key. We have done a decent job of keeping the big money out, and have protected ourselves and our wildlife from much of the craziness going on these days in Florida. If there is concern about the age of our septic tanks, and protecting our environment , a program is easily established ensuring that we have our tanks maintained and checked on a regular basis. We are all more than willing to do this to protect our beautiful island!!!!

Because the costs and reasons for this monster project have not been laid out to us, this feels like it's being rammed down our throats. Typical government project. People have no say anymore!

For all of these reasons, we humbly request that you shelf this project, please! We don't want it!

Bruce and Rebecca Rougraff
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