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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:47 AM
To: 'MICHELLE ZAKRAJSHEK'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good Morning, Roger and Michelle Zakrajshek.

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.

Thank you!

Toni Hover

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Dear Clerk & Commissioners:

My husband, Roger and myself, Michelle Zakrajshek own 430 Kettle Harbor Drive in Placida, Florida located on Don Pedro Island. We are writing in response to the Environmental Utility's application for wastewater service, which would include service to our property. We are not in favor of granting this application, and request that it be denied for the following reasons.

First, there is not a proven need for central wastewater service for the private residents on Don Pedro Island. We have a private septic system that services our property, which is currently operational and in compliance with current applicable laws. Our private septic system is pumped on a routine basis as needed.

Second, my husband and I did not request a centralized sewer service on island and to our knowledge, none of any of neighboring property owners next to us have either. Since our septic is fully functional and compliant,

the switch to a centralized wastewater system is unnecessary and adds an additional cost. There does not appear to any mechanism to opt out of central sewer system nor a provision to grandfather in property owners who are currently compliant. A centralized system would result in additional cost for a service which is not necessary.

Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) is a private company for profit company, which does not appear to have experience owning a wastewater facility. The lack of a proven track record in operating wastewater utility is concerning. Equally concerning is that evidence has not been provided that there is a need for a wastewater utility on Don Pedro. The private sewer system, including ours, has no detrimental effect on the environment and is fully operational. It appears to be an attempt to require a unneeded service in order to profit from the fees being charged for installation, hookup and operation of the service.

For the reasons stated, we request that the EU's application for wastewater be denied.

Sincerely,

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