

LETTER FROM THE PIE ACTION COMMITTEE

Dear PIE Members,

PIE, as an organization, is committed to our members and their interests. We have hired an attorney to represent PIE in an effort to make sure your financial and property concerns related to the Environmental Utilities' (EU) application to provide wastewater service are properly addressed. Through our attorney, we have filed all the necessary papers with the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) and we intend to pursue the case vigorously and without delay.

For example, EU submitted an estimate of an average residential bill for each property owner of \$178.78 monthly. It breaks down as \$100.12 base facility charge (all meter sizes) and \$31.93 charge per 1,000 gallons, 10,000 cap. These numbers have not yet been substantiated. However, if the FPSC denies the application the charges are moot.

At this juncture of the case, we are in the process of demanding documents from EU that include its full financial disclosures (including investor information and bond details, the basis for its proposed fees), engineering plans and the experience of the contractors it proposes to use, its capabilities to manage the system, etc. Once we have the first round of documents, we will be in a better position to hone in on other information. We will also be able to ask Mr. Boyer questions under oath. We have consulted with experts to address the issue of septic-to-sewer need and the financial wherewithal of EU to undertake a project on the order of this magnitude.

Recently, many if not all of you received a letter from Environmental Utilities, LLC. We have reviewed this letter and don't find the contents germane at this time. PIE will continue to provide comprehensive communication with our membership. We send complete and accurate information via email and posting to the PIE website as it becomes available to us, along with links to our sources where applicable.

There will be time in the future to investigate the options for septic-sewer conversion. Among them are opening discussions with Charlotte County Utilities, researching the logistics of an LGI-KI/DPI/PI Special District or even looking at cutting edge wastewater technology. But our focus for now is specific to our mandate: to prevent a new and untested wastewater utility from attaining the central sewer Certificate of Authority for our service area.

Because of your support, we have been able to get this far to protect your interests. We more than met our initial fundraising goals, receiving large donations from both members and non-members without making any greater effort than sending one email to our subscription list. Our legal strategy has been well and carefully crafted and your continued support will help to assure our success.

Thank you for your consideration.

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