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Public Service Commission

June 5, 2024

Re: Docket No. 20240032-SU – Application for wastewater certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC.

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for your letter regarding the application filed in the above-referenced docket. In your letter, you express an objection to Environmental Utilities, LLC's application to establish wastewater services in Charlotte County. I am writing to determine your intent regarding your letter of objection, whether you wish to merely state for the record your objection to the transfer, or whether you are requesting that an administrative hearing be held with regard to your objection.

An administrative hearing is similar to a trial, and would be scheduled in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, and Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. As a party to the hearing, you would have certain rights and responsibilities to put on your case, including filing written testimony, participating in motion practice and formal discovery, filing a prehearing statement, attending a Prehearing Conference in Tallahassee, putting on witnesses, cross-examining utility and other witnesses at the hearing, and filing a post-hearing brief. All of these activities will have due dates and procedural requirements that must be met by all parties. Although utility customers may represent themselves at formal hearings before the Florida Public Service Commission, it may be preferable to hire counsel or a qualified representative to represent you.

If you do not wish to pursue a hearing on this matter, your letter will remain on the correspondence side of the docket file in this case, where your concerns will be available for review and informational purposes. As a customer, you would be entitled to address the Commission when it takes up Environmental Utilities' application, either at the Commission Agenda Conference if no hearing is ultimately scheduled, or at the customer service hearing that will be scheduled if another person requests an administrative hearing.

If you wish to request a hearing, it is important you contact me promptly. Please respond in writing, by no later than Wednesday, June 26, 2024, regarding your intention with respect to your letter of objection. You can send your response by e-mail to cdike@psc.state.fl.us or via U.S. mail to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of the General Counsel
ATTN: Caroline Dike
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

If I do not receive a written response from you by Wednesday, June 26, 2024, we will presume you are not requesting an administrative hearing; however, your letter will remain in the correspondence side of the docket file.

If you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please contact me at (850) 413-6524 or cdike@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caroline Dike".

Caroline G. Dike, Esq.
Office of General Counsel

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