Brian Schultz

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Brian Schultz on behalf of Records Clerk Monday, January 04, 2021 2:05 PM 'Robert Volpe' Consumer Contact RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Afternoon, Robert Volpe

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

Commission Deputy Clerk II Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399 850.413.6770

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From: Robert Volpe <RobertV@hgslaw.com> Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 10:06 AM To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US> Cc: loubreez570@gmail.com Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island, which is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer. I object to EU's request for the bifurcation of the certificate and rate-making proceedings and I object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rule 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q), F.A.C. EU has not demonstrated a "substantial hardship," which is a requirement for the requested waiver. EU is asking for an exemption from regulation that applies to every utility in Florida without providing any reason or special circumstance to justify the waiver. This is simply an attempt to avoid necessary regulation.

Given the inadequate information regarding the applicant's financial strength and management experience as well as the costs to the stakeholders involved with this project, the applicant's request for a waiver should be denied. As a stakeholder in the proposed service area, it is important to have all of the relevant information regarding the proposed central sewer, including the proposed rates, connection fees and the type of system

intended for installation. I therefore request that EU's request for bifurcation and a temporary waiver be denied.

Please add myself (<u>robertv@hgslaw.com</u>) and Louise Volpe (<u>loubreez570@gmail.com</u>) as interested persons in this PSC docket. I am requesting notification of informal meeting notices, FAW notices, all recommendations and final orders issued by the Commission.

Sincerely, **Robert C. Volpe**

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