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From: Jacob Veauhn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:31 AM
To: 'Donald Scattergood'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Donald J. Scattergood and Jacqueline C. Scattergood

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket 20200226, and the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach will be notified.

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Dear Commissioners -

We are writing in **support** of the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for installation of a wastewater management system on Little Gasparilla Island by Environmental Utilities.

Our names are Donald J. Scattergood and Jacqueline C. Scattergood. We are full time residents of Little Gasparilla Island, and own two properties on the island - 9512 Don Jose Court (our residence) and 9514 Don Jose Court. My wife Jacqueline C. Scattergood and I first purchased our property in 2003, and have lived full-time on the island since 2007. We are among the longest-term full-time residents here.

Our house was completed in 2007, and as such was required to use an ATU-type septic system. The system has required continual maintenance and repair, including re-construction of the drain field in 2020 due to root encroachment. As full time residents, we are in a position to maintain the system as required.

We are the exception. The great majority of septic systems on the island have had NO maintenance since we have lived here. In fact, in discussions of the work we've done on our system, many property owners brag that they've never even had their system pumped. This is particularly concerning since, on our easement (Jose's Hideaway), a number of the houses have septic fields installed below grade. The smell during flooding is eye-watering. Many of these houses are rentals, often with large groups (10-12 people), and often when there are known issues in their septic systems.

Jack Boyer and Little Gasparilla Water Utility have been instrumental in improving quality of life here on the island. He is responsive, well trained, proactive, and provides a service that frankly makes living on the island possible. The conversion from well water / RO water to the connection to the county water system improved overall water quality, reliability and water pressure dramatically, and is a great example of the way Jack and his team continually improve service. Jack has been on the island longer than we have, and always has the best interest of the island properties at heart.

Our water is expensive here, it's true. But so is maintaining our fire department, maintaining our roads, and every other aspect of life on a bridgeless barrier island. Jack Boyer has been a good steward of our environment and our lifestyle, and we support him in the much needed conversion to a septic system.

We formally request that Environmental Utilities' application for wastewater services be APPROVED.

Below are some pictures indicative of the types of septic systems that exist on our small easement. Most of the island is worse.

Sincerely,

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