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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:33 AM
To: 'Jaime Daniels'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Jaime Daniels

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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January 22, 2022

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Re: Docket #20200226-SU

Commissioners of the Public Service Commission:

We are the Daniels Family and property owners at 9696 Little Gasparilla Island (LGI). Our family has owned our lovely home on this barrier island since 1965. Our daughter Jaime is the third generation to be raised on the island. Our ties to LGI run strong and deep. We love our island dearly, and as islanders we know the long-term environmental, and financial burdens proposed for a central sewer system by Environment Utilities (EU) are not in the best interests for our island or its residents.

Our family formally objects and requests that PSC denies Environment Utilities (EU) application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

We are formally requesting that you deny EU's application for the following reasons:

1. Uncertain Hookup Costs
2. Average Residential Bill estimated roughly double to be what a mainlander pays
3. The system pump requires a separate electrical panel that will have to be installed by a licensed electrician at the expense of the owner
4. Due to frequent loss of electricity during storms, most islanders would have to purchase a generator due to the grinder pump limiting the capacity at 60 gallons, causing the system to backup and not function properly possibly leading to overflows, leakages, and environmental damage
5. Landscaping and hardscaping will need to be cleared around septic area on the expense of owner to gain access to crush and fill existing septic tanks
6. Property Owners may need to take loans to cover the costs of connection for mandatory hookups. Charlotte Co. regulations require all homes to connect to central water and waste water within 1-year of availability
7. No grandfathering of septic systems regardless of age or condition
8. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer and has no history with waste/sewer management
9. There is no recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure
10. Some properties have physical constraints that will complicate how EU gains access to the property without leaving the boundaries or damaging the grounds
11. This in some cases will also cause environmental damage to protected species such as the sea grape plants, gopher tortoise homes/habitats, etc.
12. We are a bridgeless barrier island with no infrastructure and no means to support a project of this magnitude
13. No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer and the destruction of our current septic tanks, some of which are new.
14. The potential of a sewer spill in the Intracoastal with a subaqueous crossing is greater than the risk of one or more septic systems developing leaks and needing to be repaired or replaced.
15. Salt air takes a heavy toll on mechanical and electrical equipment on our island, and places too much responsibility on the homeowner at too great a cost.

Once again, for these reasons, and many more, we as long-time homeowners of LGI implore you to deny EU's application for the proposed central sewer system on our beautiful island.

Thank you,

The Daniels Family