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From: Yvette Gillespie on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 12:07 PM
To: 'Diane Cordell'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Diane Cordell,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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I am a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island within the proposed service area of Environmental Utilities, EU, Docket #20240032-SU. .

I formally request that the PSC denies EU's application for wastewater service. I oppose the EU's proposed central sewer system. I opposed it during the first application as well.

I still have the following concerns:

I did not request sewer service. Our septic system is totally fine so I don't feel that there's a proven need to switch to a central sewer service. People with bad septic systems should definitely address this asap but the majority are fine.

Financially, I am concerned about the high hook-up costs, the proposed monthly service fees which are much higher than mainland wastewater fees, the added costs that homeowners will have to incur such as electrical panel installation costs, the cost of a generator which will be required by all homeowners to keep the system running during power outages, the cost of the pump and possible tree removal and landscaping costs.

Technically, the STEP effluent system being proposed by EU just replaces my current septic tank with a similar fiberglass tank and instead of having a drain field, now I will have a pump connected to a low-pressure line that requires more responsibility for me to manage and maintain. Also, the proposed system requires solids to be removed every 5 years. In other words, again, there's no benefit compared to the existing septic system with the same solids removal requirements.

I am also very concerned about how the system will be maintained in emergencies and power outages. I am not a full time islander. I have concerns about what will happen during a power outage when I am not on island.

The bottom line is that this proposed system places too much cost and too much responsibility on me, the homeowner. I am opposed to EU's proposal.

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