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From: Yvette Gillespie on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:03 PM
To: 'Tremblay'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Laurie and Joe Tremblay,

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,

Yvette Gillespie

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Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 05:26:43 PM EDT

Subject: Fw: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

To: PSC and Charlotte County Commissioners

Regarding: Docket # 20240032-SU

April 14, 2024

We, Joe and Laurie Tremblay of 8266 LGI, oppose the application by Environmental Utilities, LLC to provide wastewater services to the barrier islands of Little Gasparilla, Don Pedro, and Knight in Charlotte County. We ask you to deny EU's application for wastewater service.

We do not feel there is a proven need for a central sewer service. This was acknowledged and accepted in 2022 by the Commissioners.

We did not request a sewer service for Little Gasparilla Island. We maintain our septic tank and have not had a problem with it.

We are concerned that EU is a private, for-profit utility company, and that the best interests of the islanders may not be their main focus. The initial cost of a low-pressure system for individual homeowners was staggering, especially for those of us in the "retirement" stage of our lives. Is this the most efficient and environmentally sound solution?

We are worried that EU does not have the experience and expertise to own and operate a complicated wastewater utility on barrier islands. Complications arise from power outages, periodic flooding, **cost and maintenance** of all the equipment in a high salt environment, hurricanes, transporting waste across the waterway, still having to pump out solid wastes, and long-range concerns if the utility is sold.

In the earlier EU application of 2020-2021, the initial rates and monthly charges were not even close to being reasonable. We can't imagine what the cost would be at this point. We are on retirement income, and the cost would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for us to bear. In addition, we have just spent thousands of dollars to repair our house from damages caused by Ian and Idalia.

All of us are still in recovery/survival mode after Hurricanes Ian and Idalia. The sand paths/roads on LGI were devastated by all the heavy equipment used during the hurricane recovery. This was a necessary "evil". The machinery and equipment used by EU would damage our fragile pathways once again. We just want to get things back to normal and enjoy our retirement years on the island that we cherish.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Laurie and Joe Tremblay (property owners for 42+ years)

8266 Little Gasparilla Island

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