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From: Betty Leland
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket #20240032
Attachments: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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From: Gary Galloway <garudy54@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 4:30 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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We, homeowners on Don Pedro Island, are writing to ask the PSC to **deny** Environmental Utilities LLC application for wastewater service for the following reasons:

1. No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewers. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.
2. We have not requested sewer service on the Island.
3. We are concerned that EU is a private, for-profit utility company and therefore is not accountable to anyone. If problems arise, residents have no direct recourse for addressing issues.
4. EU has no experience owning a wastewater utility and that is very concerning. We do NOT want to be their guinea pig project.
5. We are concerned with the costs involved in doing this project. Since EU has no experience doing a project like this, they have no history of information on which to base the costs involved. They are only guessing what the costs will be for homeowners.
6. EU has **not** included in the cost projection the following:
 - *The burden to homeowners of having a licensed electrician install an electrical panel to handle the system pump.
 - * The grinder pump has a limited capacity (60 gal) and in the event of a power outage will be unable to function for long. Homeowners will need a generator to keep the system running to avoid sewage back-up.
 - * Landscaping and hardscaping around the septic area will need to be cleared at the expense of the homeowner to gain access to crush & fill the septic tank.

The PSC ruled on this proposal in 2022 and nothing has changed since that ruling. The Islands residents don't want a private entity sewer system and Mr. Boyer and EU are not experienced in this type of utility. **Please deny this application once again.**

Gary and Judy Galloway

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From: Robin Turner <robinturner63@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 11:42 AM
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Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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Good day Commissioners and State officials:

This email is in reference to docket #20240032-SU. As a homeowner/property owner on Little Gasparilla Island at 9506 Don Jose Court, we formally OBJECT to the EU's Application for certification of wastewater services. We are asking the PSC to DENY the application.

As there are many many reason to DENY this application, I personally feel the expenses which would occur such as:

- The hook-up cost alone would be such a financial strain that it would force us to sell and move from LGI or cause much financial hardship in our older years.
- The electrical would a separate electric panel, installed by a licensed electrician at the expense of the homeowner. If I was maxed out on my main electric grid with pool equipment or other large-draw items, the panel would need an expensive upgrade.
- Landscaping cost – removal of trees and other landscaping would be an owner expense
- Expense of the crushing and filling of my existing septic tank and installation of new one.
- Disruption of our island life – increase traffic with construction vehicles

A question for the commissioners:

1. Has there been water quality testing done which would prove the need for a sewer system?
2. What is the plan for right-of-way or easements? What rights are we give up?
3. Is there a need of this service? What evidence has been provided to support the need for service?

As stated above, please DENY the EU's application. LGI does not need sewer management from outside.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Charlie Smith

From: Allison Smith <allisoncluen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 11:10 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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To whom it may concern,

As homeowners on Don Pedro Island, Florida we, Blake and Allison Smith (Smith Beef Co., LLC) **Strongly OPPOSE** the proposed central sewer.

We are formally requesting that the PSC **DENY** EU's application for wastewater service.

We do not want this service, we do not need this service nor do we unnecessarily want to financially burden ourselves or physically disrupt this very quaint and special island.

What makes Don Pedro Island so special is that it is quiet, private, easy to get to and relatively untouched. Installing a central sewer on the island will completely disrupt the island life we sought out when purchasing this home. It will adversely affect our ability to rent our home when we are not using it, the ferry to and from the island will have long waits and there is not extra space on the island to use as staging for major equipment and supplies.

If it's not broken don't fix it! PLEASE, PLEASE deny EUs application for wastewater service.

Sincerely,

Blake and Allison Smith
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