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**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** 'gil@gcus.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Charlotte County, FL Docket #20240032-SU Central Sewer Proposal

Good afternoon Gilbert and Lori Green,

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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We are residential condominium owners at a small (8 unit) complex on Don Pedro Island. We have owned our home there for over 30 years. Our property consists of 4 duplex buildings, sharing a total of 3 well-maintained septic tanks and common-area drain fields, with two of the buildings set back at least 400 feet from the road.

There is absolutely no reason for the county to consider building and connecting this sewer system on this barrier island, even through a private utility provider. In our case, we are a property owner group of mostly retirees. The hook-up fees alone, not to mention the monthly usage fees, will be a detriment to our ownership ability. We were recently forced to pay for relocation of all our (potable) water meters from under our buildings out to the road because the private water utility provider deemed it necessary. I fear this will be a similar future situation with a privately run and managed sewage utility.

There is no historical evidence that the current septic system zoning is causing harmful environmental hazards. In the event of power outages/interruptions (which the island frequently has), we fear the potential sewage back-up issues from pump failure (especially at our property) will lead to far worse damage to our personal property and adjacent waterways.

Our barrier islands are in the Rural Service Area for the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. The Comp Plan mandates on-site septic systems for the Rural Service Area. Now they (Environmental Utilities, LLC) are insisting that the Comp Plan prohibits the County from installing central sewer, but not a privately owned utility. There is no need for these barrier islands to allow for any increased density zoning, and therefor do not need the infrastructure of a central sewer system. Don't let the high-powered legal representation sway your vote.

We object to the proposal and ask the PSC to deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

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