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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 2:34 PM  
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**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket# 20240032-SU

Good afternoon Fred and Dorianne Burrow,

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.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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Fred and Dorianne Burrow  
Property owner at  
8686 Grand Ave  
Placida FL, 33946  
Little Gasparilla Island

Fl state licensed plumbers  
CFC1426792  
CFC1427775

My name is Fred Burrow and I own 8686 Grand Ave. on Little Gasparilla Island, which is within the proposed sewer service area. I am formally objecting to the sewer proposal and request that PSC deny the application for original certificate of authorization for Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) for a central sewer system for Little Gasparilla Island.

I am a state certified Master Plumber #CFC1426792 and I have owned Swift Plumbers for 24 years. Since the purchase of my home in 2020 I have become the plumber who does a vast majority of the work on Little Gasparilla Island.

Similar to the water service installation me and my company will likely have a great financial gain second only to Environmental Utilities, LLC, should proposed sewer application be approved.

I set aside any potential financial gain because a low pressure system will have a limited benefit to our islands environment and its homeowners with extreme financial ramifications to all of my fellow homeowners except me.

Low pressure sewer system is also called a low pressure SEPTIC system. You still have a septic tank so all that would be eliminated are the drain fields. The benefit to the LPS is for it to be used in an area where the soil or water table is not suitable for a conventional drain field.

All soil and water table issues have been already solved by raised drain fields. A majority of the homes on Little Gasparilla Island have raised drain fields with a grinder pump that sends the waste water to the raised drain field. Over the past 4 years on Little Gasparilla Island we have endured multiple hurricanes and several floods and a vast majority of the septic systems were not affected.

If it were the Florida Department of environmental protection pushing this due to proven contamination on the aquifer that would be a different story. If the owners had solid proof from an independent unbiased source that eliminating drain fields would protect our island in a substantial way, I am sure everyone would be on board despite any financial ramifications. From what I can tell that is not what is happening. What is happening is one company with major financial benefit to this system going in is pushing their agenda. No one else.

Monopolizing a solution to an issue we don't even know exists, will benefit only Environmental Utilities, LLC. Nothing comes close to a gravity fed sewer system and this system would replace issues with new issues. Over the years doing plumbing I have see the alarming number of issues Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) has with current low pressure septic systems that they maintain. If this is ran the way CCU does their LPS, Environmental Utilities will be responsible for every pump and pit on the island. The power goes out on the island frequently. Do they have the manpower to handle the workload of all the issues that arise? The LPS demanding needs to be considerably more that the water service they currently provide. So if approved what we can expect is the pump to fail when electric goes out and the pumps not to work and the septic tanks getting overwhelmed. Sewer will then be all over the island because most of the houses are on stilts and unlike the mainland where it comes up your shower or bubbles the toilet, the now pressurized sewer will be coming out the smallest compromised pipes of mostly older pipe systems. One could argue approval may lead to an environmental nightmare.

In closing I am begging you NOT to approve a money grab. We have a responsibility to be thoughtful and careful.

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