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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 1:06 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032
Attachments: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Proposed EU application for wastewater services,

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: Colin Sue-A-Quan <colin.sue-a-quan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:01 AM
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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Hello,

I own a house at 9752 Little Gasparilla Island and would like to formally ask you to deny Environment Utilities (EU) application to install central sewer on the barrier islands especially Little Gasparilla Island (LGI).

No proven need for wastewater services

LGI is low density with a handful of full-time residents with the rest of the houses used occasionally on weekends as vacation homes. Additionally, there has been no feasibility or environmental study that can point to any environmental benefit of changing systems for such a sparsely populated area.

Mandatory hook-up and no grand-fathering of septic systems

Charlotte County requires all homes to connect to central wastewater service within 1 year of service, but our existing septic system is less than 3 years old. We made a conscious decision to take care of the environment and install a new septic system and drain field but if this application is approved, it would mean we would be forced to replace our system with a smaller tank with more potential failure points. How is this better for the environment?

Low Pressure System

If this is indeed the system EU is proposing this is essentially a glorified drain field and still leaves the solids on the island which will require occasional pumping and what about when electricity goes which happens pretty frequently.

Impact to the island

With the Hurricane Ian cleanup we saw how devastating the large machinery was to have on the island but that was a necessity for us to rebuild. The central sewer installation will have a devastating effect on our island and not something we want to go through again with the heavy machinery

Extreme Costs

The initial cost for hookup has been mentioned at \$12,000 but overruns in the project would be at the expense of the homeowners. Additionally, it's not just a one time financial burden, but then monthly we would have to spend \$200 just for sewer would result in an added \$2,400 annually for a service that we do not need and that can be easily handled with our new septic system. This burden will put us into debt and force some homeowners off the island. We are already dealing with debt from Hurricane Ian and the rising property taxes and insurance costs so to add \$2,400 per year is definitely not something we should be forced to take on.

Private entity

If there is a truly a demonstrated need, why is Charlotte County not taking the lead on this versus allowing a new utility with zero experience of installing or running a wastewater service. It can be done in a more responsible and fiscal manner.

Please deny the application for wastewater services as it is not needed for Little Gasparilla Island.

Sincerely,
Colin Sue-A-Quan

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From: kevinkeall@verizon.net
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Subject: Proposed EU application for wastewater services,

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Hello Commissioners,

This letter is being written in regards to the proposed EU application for wastewater services on Little Gasparilla Island--Docket# 20240032-SU.

As a homeowner at Hideaway Bay Beach Club, we are satisfied with our current system of wastewater services and are *NOT seeking sewers*. The disruption, cost, and environmental impacts will be detrimental to Hideaway and our island.

Please consider denying Jack Boyer's application to install sewers on Little Gasparilla Island. He has his own personal gains in mind instead of the island and it's residents' best interest.

Please provide confirmation of receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Kevin and Pamela Kendall

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