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From: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20240032
Attachments: Docket #20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU; 20240032-SU; Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island; NewDocket#20340032; 2 letters of objection to Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket#20240032-SU; No sewer LGI; FOR Centralized Wastewater; Fw: Septic to Sewer conversion Little Gasparilla Island; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Request waste water service; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Fw: Septic to Sewer conversion Little Gasparilla Island

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Good morning, ,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20240000.

Thank you.

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From: Julie Novak <jnovak@novakcreative.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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Commissioner LaRosa,

I want to start by stating that I am not against sewer. However, I am against an inexperienced and unqualified company from installing sewer on our island. I feel anyone that has been arrested in the past for unlawful business practices with their current water utility company should automatically be disqualified from being considered for this project.

If it's deemed necessary to have sewer, the county should handle it, not a private company.

The system that's being proposed by Environmental Utilities, LLC is not practical, or cost effective for our island.

I strongly believe the application by Environmental Utilities, LLC, should be turned down.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Novak
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Antonia Hover

From: Joan Der <joan.der7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 2:50 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Fay; commissioner.graham@psc.state
Subject: Docket # 20240032-SU

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Commissioners,

From Joan Der, wife of Robert Der at 171 s. Gulf Blvd. On Don Pedro Island. Please deny the application for original certificate of authorization

As more details are uncovered, I need to emphasize the issue of why we must deny EU their desire to be a provider. On record, our island has not been a source of leakage in Florida. This sewer installation could provide maybe an inconsequential impact of a clean water solution for a gigantic cost, grief, uncertainty and inconvenience to individual owners. There isn't much land to install a new tank in a spot apart from the septic tank while transitioning. Will we be without sewage disposal for a spell? Replacing a perfectly fine tank and drainage with grinders and pipes run by electricity prone to outages is not an improvement. Our individual septics are much safer than new lines to carry the waste water from curvy shell roads (which are finally graded by the County) across two lagoons and the inter coastal waterway. The intercoastal waterway is used continuously by the car access ferry a minimum of 16 hours a day, subject to boat traffic and strong tides. Isn't a drainage septic system servicing this unique bridgeless barrier island a wiser solution?

We already pay the highest rates for water in Florida through a private business seeking every rate hike possible. Must we also be subjected to the excessive rates threatened by EU , yet another private service provider, for negligible improvement of waste waters? I don't want EU to reap a premium rate for what has historically been their problematic and subpar installation processes and subsequent service. Why must we be made vulnerable to a contractor setting up a business that hints of intent to resell the service?

Why does our island get pawned off to a contractor of such disrepute? I don't wish the to service your home or mine. Deny sewer on our island. Deny EU for anything to do with our island. Thanks for seriously considering these issues of great concern.

Joan Der

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Antonia Hover

From: Stacey Noor <stacey@peoplecenteredmarketing.org>
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To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: 20240032-SU

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To all whom may concern,
I am an owner at Hideaway Beach Club on Little Gasperilla Island- Troy and Stacey Noor E4. My condo is condemned. Our insurance company-Citizens a non-profit owned by the State of Florida for Florida Citizens has demanded we get an adjuster, an appraiser and now finally an umpire. Our umpire found 18.1 million of damage, the 3rd party umpire agreed that Citizens needs to pay us 15.9 million dollars. Shame on politics and the State of Florida. Citizens is now not paying and our buildings are missing siding and windows as we head into our 2nd hurricane season!!! We have to sue to get our insurance funds back while we keep paying our premium. The last wind premium was \$505,000 to renew.

Jack Bower is using this stressful time on our island to again and push forward for his gain and only his gain.

1. Bower is suggesting we pay \$1 million to dismantle our pristine septic system that services 132 condos on LGI. We have been paying association dues of the tune of \$3,400 per quarter to keep up our septic system. It is checked daily and has been kept up on servicing.
2. Bower is proposing to confiscate our land that our system sits on. Adding a lift station where our private property sits.
3. Bower is suggesting that by increasing our servicing from \$151 for water to almost \$500 for water and sewer monthly that this would somehow benefit us??!! This is a huge increase for a system that is gray water at best, and increases the occurrence of Red Tide(which is detrimental to our marine life and the State of Florida's tourism.)
4. The system Bower is proposing has no improvements added for the environment, just a financial gain for himself.
5. The financial strain he is suggesting when we are already heading into another hurricane season with broken windows and exposed buildings is 100 percent congruent with his character. No Government would entertain this deal.
6. Then he suggests we will all have to pay an additional \$13,000 each to hook up to his system....WHAT, for what gain?
7. We have heard it is Florida State Statute that he has to inform all owners of his plan. We have confirmed at least 75% of us have not been informed.
8. I also want you to know I have no plumbing at my unit and I pay \$280 per quarter just to be hooked up even though I get no water. Please stop this continued nonsense and financial abuse.

Our condo complex was exempt in 2018 when he tried these shenanigans then.

During this trying time where most of us are floating our properties and association dues we are paying about 30-40 k per year for condemned buildings that our State of Florida insurance company won't fix and now the State of Florida again is having us hire more legal counsel as they suggest we dismantle our current septic system that is a better system than the one proposed. We are not in the position to sue two State agencies that are causing extreme HARDSHIP.

I urge you to consider our already financial despair caused by Citizens of the State of Florida. I urge you to valiantly step in our behalf and again in our behalf defend us from this poor proposal being brought forth while we are all busy with condemned properties. We have kept up our system. We share it with others. We care about our environment and the Bower proposal has been looked at by our civil engineer owners at our complex. It is a couple steps down not a step up. Please do not let this proposal go through. None of us want it.

Please help us! Please address Citizens and this greedy business owner who is trying to create another monopoly.

Stacey Noor

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Stacey Noor

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*"You can have everything in life you want,
if you will just help enough other people
get what they want. - Zig Ziglar*

Antonia Hover

From: agorgei73@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 11:50 AM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island

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Dear Commissioners- I am an owner on Little Gasparilla Island and 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 all islands named in the subject line. I am not against sewer being brought to the island, however do not believe that it should be at the financial gain of a single individual or company. As a tax paying citizen of Charlotte County, I demand to be treated as any other citizen and feel it is my and all other tax paying citizens of these islands to not be gouged for basic services, as we currently are being with our water supply and will be with the proposed sewer system being owned by EU!

To provide you with some insight on the unfair treatment of these islands, let me share with you some facts about the current water system that is single handedly making the owners of LGIWU rich...simply by supplying these islands with water! Since Hurricane Ian, we have been unable to use or access our home for nearly 2 years. Therefore have used ZERO water, however for the last two years I have received a bill from Little Gasparilla Water Utility for approximately \$250 on a quarterly basis!!! That's \$83 a month for NOTHING, or as Jack Boyer states 'to cover his administrative fees'. Can I ask you what a mainland tax payer pays in administration fees for there water? I'm sure it's nowhere near \$83 a month!

The above serves as an example as to why our islands should not be subject to any further unfair treatment of setting up a private monopoly to gouge it's residents, just to supply our island with the basic essentials!! If Charlotte county wants us to have sewer, they should provide it to us, just like any other resident and not outsource it to a private entity who will receive significant persona financial gains!!

Thank you!
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Antonia Hover

From: Kevin Brown <kevin.brown414@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:00 PM
To: clerk@psc.state.fl
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: NewDocket#20340032

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Dear Clerk/Commissioners,

We received information and a request by county commissioners regarding the proposal to again pursue a waste water service to Little Gasparilla island. Our objections have not changed. The conclusions for denial remain the same as in the original filing. There has been no evidence provided that supports the need for this service. Little Gasparilla Island is a small barrier island which remains under Rural Service Area Classification which prohibits the county to extend a central sewer service to a bridge-less barrier island. Individual septic systems are already in place. No water testing has been done to prove that there is need. Each home owner is responsible for their own system which they maintain. This project also brings the possibility of harm and destruction of our endangered species. There are power outages from bad weather and this could cause problems with the pump stations operating with electricity. Home owners do not have the resources to pay for something that is not needed. We are just recovering from a major storm which caused a lot of damage to our homes at major expense. our home on Little Gasparilla Island has been a gathering place for our family and friends for over 30 years during the spring and summer months. We have the same concerns as before. This system is not in our best interest for the island. Higher costs would only further impede the care of our beautiful island .

Thank You
Kevin and Jennifer Brown
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Little Gasparilla Island

Antonia Hover

From: stop jack boyer <stopjackboyeronceandforall@gmail.com>
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Subject: 2 letters of objection to Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket# 20240032-SU
Attachments: sewer objection Lleras.pdf; sewer objection barney.pdf
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I have attached 2 letters of objection to docket @20240032.

Julio Lleras
3046 Huron Ave.
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

April 24, 2024

Re: Objection Letter - Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket #20240032-SU

Cc: Florida Public Service Chairman LaRosa, Florida Public Service Commissioner Clark, Florida Public Service Commissioner Passidomo, Florida Public Service Commissioner Graham, Florida Public Service Commissioner Fay
Charlotte County Commissioner Truex, Charlotte County Commissioner Doherty, Charlotte County Commissioner Constance, Charlotte County Commissioner Deutsch, Charlotte County Commissioner Tiseo
Marty Friedman

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Julio Lleras. I own multiple properties on Little Gasparilla Island, specifically 8630 Wharf Avenue, 8556 Little Gasparilla Island, 8554 Little Gasparilla Island, 8558 Little Gasparilla Island, 8618 Marsh Street. I am asking that you deny Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket #20240032- SU.

This is the second time we have had to fight the same illogical proposal for an inadequate, antiquated system by the same person. In addition to denying this application, please, please, please do not let him submit again.

The following are the main reasons to deny this application.


A. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES.

- B. Does Jack Boyer (EU) have the technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide ongoing services – NO as evidenced by the state of Little Gasparilla Water Utility. (Also a Jack Boyer private company)
- C. Is there a need for this particular service - NO. This is the wrong system to fix a problem that has not been proven to be caused by the current systems in place. Removal of the current sewage systems will cause massive destruction to our ecosystem. Replacing the septic tanks with a septic tank and pump system only removes liquids, not solids. The mechanical parts are going to need constant maintenance in this atmosphere with far more opportunity for spills. What is next? In 5 years, is Jack Boyer going to come up with a new system to replace the inadequate systems he is proposing? Again, at the cost of damage to the environment. The property owners will be, once again, putting their hard-earned money in Jack's pocket.
- D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO.
- a. There are grants available that would bring down the cost. However, since Jack Boyer is a "for profit" entity, he is not allowed to apply for them. Why isn't Charlotte County in charge of this project?
 - b. In addition to the very high, up front costs and destruction of the environment, there will be operating costs of approximately \$4,000 a year plus maintenance per property. All of the property owners suffered losses during Hurricane Ian. Many are still fighting the insurance companies. Many don't have insurance because of the massive increase in cost. How will these people be able to afford this system?

Attempting to fix one problem while creating multiple, more devastating problems is not smart!

Please accept this letter as my **formal objection** to this application.

Sincerely,



Julio Lleras

Bryan and Cyndy Barney
8654 Wharf Ave
Placida, FL 33946

Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

April 24, 2024

Re: Objection Letter - Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application
Docket #20240032- SU

Cc: Florida Public Service Chairman LaRosa, Florida Public Service
Commissioner Clark, Florida Public Service Commissioner
Passidomo, Florida Public Service Commissioner Graham, Florida
Public Service Commissioner Fay

Charlotte County Commissioner Truex, Charlotte County
Commissioner Doherty, Charlotte County Commissioner
Constance, Charlotte County Commissioner Deutsch, Charlotte
County Commissioner Tiseo

Marty Friedman

Dear Commissioners,

Our names are Bryan and Cyndy Barney. We are residents/owners of 8654 Wharf Ave. on Little Gasparilla Island. We are asking that you deny the application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County(CC) by Environmental Utilities,LLC (EU).

In the two years we have owned our property, this is the second time we have had to fight the same illogical proposal for an inadequate, antiquated system by the same person. In addition to denying this application, please, please, please do not let him submit again.

We realize you have many objection letters to review, so we included a summary of the very unnecessary, very long, very stressful, very expensive ordeal that Jack Boyer is putting us through followed by 1/10th of the detail I would like to include.

Summary:

- A. Does EU have the technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide timely ongoing services - NO.
- B. Is there a need for this particular service - NO. This is the wrong system to fix a problem that has not been proven to be caused by the current systems in place.
- C. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES. The removal of the current septic systems and subsequent installation of the new will decimate the protected flora and fauna that have managed to fight their way back after the hurricanes.
- D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO. If the environment is really EU's main concern, they should be willing to become a Non-profit Public Utility.
- E. Do we want Jack Boyer to have Perpetual use of our land? - NO
- F. Where is Jack Boyer? - Can't be found
- G. Do we get a vote? You are our vote. Please help.

A. Lack of technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide ongoing services.

1. There is a lack of faith in EU to run a utility based on Mr. Boyer's history with LGI Water Utility (LGWUO). Mr. Boyer has proven that he cannot adequately operate a public utility as evidenced by his current and past operation of LGWU. A lot of these concerns were brought to the PSC attention previously. Some of the issues were shoddy work; repairs made with duct tape, pipes not buried to the proper depth; unavailability of LGWU employees during water pipe breaks; lack of timely boil water notices, water pipes crossing through property lines without permission; excessive lengths of time from request for service to the repairs being made (if at all).

We have personal experience with this. The water main in front of our house is frequently hit by carts going by. It is raised above the surface level of the path. We requested that it be repaired over two years ago. Amazingly, now that this proposal is before you, someone showed up and changed out the box around the shutoff so it looks "pretty". They did NOTHING to fix the problem, only make it prettier. It is now higher above ground and more of a hazard. If they are currently taking all of the profit from LGWU and putting it in their pocket instead of investing in staff and repairs for the water system, why would we think they would do anything different with the new utility they are creating. They have learned

that they can do this without any recourse from those of us funding it.

2. The LGWU office is operating on antiquated equipment. They can't even take an electronic payment for the quarterly fees. They want more than double the number of properties they currently service when they can't handle the current load.

3. The owners of EU don't have any experience or licensing for wastewater.

4. EU has less than \$5,000 in the bank. They don't want anyone to know what other resources they have as evidenced by the redaction of the financial information. What are the Boyer's hiding? Have they made so much money off the backs of residents from LGWU that they are afraid to show their financials?

The Boyers are the sole owners of what should be a public utility.

Is this smart? NO

B. Is there a need for this particular system ? NO, it is not the correct system.

1. While there is a need for a centralized waste removal system, this is not the correct system. This system does not remove all waste, only wastewater. The septic "tank" would still need to be pumped thereby not alleviating one of the challenges of septic tanks. I haven't made it through all 493 pages of the application, but, it has come to my attention that the only one permitted to fix or maintain these systems is EU. This creates a monopoly, not to mention the fact that they have NO experience with this type of system. They can't even maintain the "Public" Utility that they currently have.
2. Jack Boyer included information from Dr. Brian Lapointe about the need for a central sewer system. While he has many valid points, I didn't see anywhere in his information that the system proposed is the correct system. He did not indicate which type of Central System would cure the issues he listed.
3. The proposed system relies on an electric pump. Water was transported to LGI by many different means following Hurricane Ian. While some people were able to get their wells functioning and run them from generators, most were

without water for weeks. This was an Act of God and therefore, I don't hold Jack Boyer responsible. However, if the proposed sewage system had been in place, there would have been no sewage disposal available and there would have been a much, much larger problem on the island and the surrounding waters!

4. The septic systems in place have been working very well if maintained properly. There has been no proof that the problems in the Bay have been caused by septic system overflow. There are many different contributing factors that are not being addressed and certainly not cured with this system. In the meantime, wildlife and plant life are thriving.

This is NOT the correct system.

C. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES.

1. The paths will be decimated. This was evident during the recovery efforts after Ian and Idalia (which are ongoing). Heavy equipment was necessary for many reasons including, but not limited to, cleanup and rebuilding. The paths were destroyed and the residents were left to repair them on their own. Jack Boyer is proposing that he have unlimited access to all Rights of Way. He is proposing to clear the entire width of Rights of Way. Currently, our path is approximately 10 feet wide with foliage on both sides. Our right of way is 40 ft wide. He will be removing mature trees that are necessary for maintaining the ecosystem and protecting the island from storms. The equipment necessary for this type of project will cause the same problems with the paths as it did after Ian. Ian was an ACT of GOD. Jack Boyer does not have the right to play God.
2. Oh, and by the way, he wants perpetual access to our property. God only knows what he will do to our beautiful trees! Our remaining trees have struggled since the hurricanes. We have done our best to help them recover. They are not his, nor will we sit by and let him remove them. We do NOT grant him access to even look at our property, let alone walk on it and destroy it.
3. The Island's Gopher Tortoises (*Gopherus polyphemus*) will be decimated by this type of activity. They have had a hard enough time recovering after Ian and then Idalia. **Are they not protected from Jack Boyer? Islanders and visitors alike are**

very, very careful to take care of the Gopher Tortoise population. There are many other species that will also be affected.

D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO.

1. **Up-front costs in the submission:** There are many concerns about the cost of this project. Prices quoted by EU total \$13,511.00 for up-front costs. The prices estimated in the CC Sewer Master Plan (SMP) are significantly higher and listed in 2017 dollars. Costs at LGI would be \$22,540.00 based on occupied lots. These figures assume the transmission lines that EU is responsible for installing according to the CC Bulk Sewer Agreement are included in each area calculations. If, EU was able to secure the permitting to put the sewer line through two areas that are **vital** to the ecosystem, Don Pedro State Park and the mangrove islands between the mainland & the barrier islands, only one transmission line would be necessary. In that case, the average cost based on 964 ERC's would be \$20,722.12. Again these numbers are based on 2017 dollars. Construction costs have increased between 19 - 37 % since 2020. That would more than double EU's stated costs based on the CC SMP figures. We don't feel that EU has any idea what the monetary costs will be and less idea of the environmental impact of the construction. (Or maybe Jack just doesn't care). I don't find these up-front costs to be worth the damage that will be caused to the ecosystem for a system that is no better and probably worse for the environment than the septic systems we have.
2. **Up front costs not addressed in the submission:** They include: Electrician & electrical upgrades; barge fees for pump trucks & fill material when removing the current septic; landscaping costs; back up generators; loss of use of the homes while this is ongoing, interest costs on loans. Because EU is a for profit company, the island residents are also not able to defray the costs of the sewers using grants, bonds or MSBU's. The cost of a loan becomes a personal expense that cannot be transferred with the property if sold.
3. **Ongoing costs:**
 - a. **Monthly charge from Jack Boyer:** Who knows what the monthly bill for the sewer will be? An estimate of the monthly bill is a minimum of \$200 per month with additional usage fees.

- b. Pump out charges....according to epa.gov, the typical septic tank needs pumped every 3-5 years. The type of system proposed should be pumped, repaired and inspected every year. More importantly, the pump out trucks would need to be at every home every year....what will that do to our environment?
 - c. Maintenance of the system at our home: According to the EPA, "A service contract is important since alternative systems have mechanized parts". As we, the residents, know, mechanized means broken on LGI since the salt air and water is particularly harmful to mechanized equipment. Jack Boyer is requesting the exclusive right to service these systems...this creates a monopoly in addition to him having NO experience with this type of system.
- 4. The regular property owner cannot afford these additional costs.** This is highlighted as we struggle to carry inflated costs for property insurances (flood, windstorm, and homeowners), increasing Charlotte County property taxes with precious little services to LGI , and our ever increasing private water supply utility service charges. This is also on top of the FACT that we are still rebuilding our property after destruction from Hurricane Ian!
- 5. If the health of the island and Bay are really the reason to do this project, then EU should be willing to become a Non-profit public utility.**

E. Perpetual Use of our Land

Jack is asking for new easements, rights of Way, etc. onto our property. There is no reason for him to have perpetual right to our property since there is no reason for this type of system. He is making us responsible for all costs, but wants our property too? This doesn't make sense.

F. Where is Jack Boyer?

Jack Boyer is nowhere to be found. He hasn't been seen on this island in months. Does he care about this island and the others included in his reign of destruction? Has he asked for input from residents? Has he held a "town hall" meeting to talk to residents? The answer to all of these is an emphatic NO.

G. Do we get a Vote?

We as property owners do not get a vote since it is approved/denied by the Commission. We **BEG** you to do the **RIGHT** thing. This application **MUST** be **denied** and Jack Boyer must be barred from submitting another application. He is abusing the time and money of the Taxpayers, The Commission, the County, and the property owners to the **detriment** of this protected piece of "Old Florida".

Attempting to fix one problem while creating multiple, more devastating problems is not smart!

We are formally requesting an administrative hearing by the PSC for this application and to become, an intervenor and/or party of record.

Please accept this letter as our formal objection to this application.

Sincerely,



Bryan Barney



Cyndy Barney

Antonia Hover

From: John Day <johnday1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 10:20 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: No sewer LGI

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My personal perspective as a concerned homeowner of Little Gasparilla Island and environmental proponent is that the proposed wastewater service will have a devastating impact on the island and islanders. The service proposal has not demonstrated evidence to be better for the environment or residents/owners. It is, however, beneficial for those who stand to profit from the installation and forced hook up for ongoing service. This is an untenable situation. I can't fathom how the installation of such a system wouldn't create massive upheaval to the landscape, not to mention at a high cost to all owners. There seems to be little to no advantage of this project and it represents a major can-of-worms with potential problems in my mind. PLEASE deny EU's application for wastewater service.

Thank you!

John Day
9552 And 9548 Buccaneer Trl
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Sent from my iPhone

Antonia Hover

From: Brittany Essig <brittanybythebay@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 4:27 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; governorrn.desantis@eog.myflorida.com; ltgovernorjeanette.nunez@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: FOR Centralized Wastewater

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Dear Commissioners,

If not now, when? Our environment, specifically our waterways, are at great risk. The evidence is clear. As a local resident of Englewood, a soon to be property owner in Charlotte County (1654 Tarpon Ave), and a business owner in Charlotte County, I am in strong support for the implementation of a centralized sewer system. The current reliance on septic systems is having a detrimental effect on our local environment, community and economy.

I have two businesses in Charlotte County; one of which is real estate. When I was showing property on Little Gasparilla Island last year, after a high tide, there was clear evidence of septic waste on the road. The buyers were disgusted. The effect of this is multifaceted. First, it was a safety concern. Second, it negatively impacted the buyers (and my) desire to be on the island, let alone make an investment there. And lastly, our poor wildlife and beauty of such a place is being compromised. Shouldn't fragile, more vulnerable land such as these barrier islands be protected from septic waste? I understand that many many years ago centralized sewer systems weren't even an option but now they are. Why wouldn't we want to preserve what we have before it's negatively impacted? Our land value will hold and hopefully increase with this improvement.

The bottomline is simple: the environment, the wildlife, and our waterways are all being hurt by the lack of a centralized sewer system. Now is the time.

You know that saying, "More money, more problems"? Well, that goes with this. More people, more poop. Yikes. If not now, when? Please, please help.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Brittany Essig (LMHC & Realtor)

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Warmest Regards,

Brittany Essig, Realtor®
Licensed Sales Associate



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Antonia Hover

From: Karyn Flatau <kaflgi9148@aol.com>
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To: Commissssioner.Passidomo@psc.stste.fl.us <commissssioner.passidomo@psc.stste.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 04:02:13 PM EDT
Subject: Fw: Septic to Sewer conversion Little Gasparilla Island

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Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 12:14:40 PM EDT
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Antonia Hover

From: Janice Schroder <carpartjanice@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:01 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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I am opposed to the sewer proposal by Environmental Utilities, LLC

My name is Janice Schroder.

I live on Little Gasparilla Island.
I have a septic system.
It works fine.

I do not want the proposed sewer system, which is substandard to the septic system I have and own. It will require more work and money to maintain than my current septic system.

It will force me to pay a high price to “hookup” and then an expensive monthly fee.

It will force me to purchase a generator, since the proposed system is electricity dependent. Without electricity, putrid contents could leach out into the open. Consider how this would attract rats and disease.

It will tear up my personal property, including my vegetation. Who will replace and return my property to its pre construction state?

On Little Gasparilla Island, we use electric golf carts to haul our groceries and supplies from the docks to our homes.
Electric motors are located underneath the carts.

Many carts will not survive the mud, trenches and puddles from the construction. This will add another layer of frustration and expense to islanders.

As a community, we are still rebuilding our beautiful island to the way it was before hurricane Ian hit us so hard.

The sewer construction will tear up our entire privately owned island and ruin our fragile roads. Who will rebuild the roads?

I believe, for many, it would be devastating, both emotionally and financially, to deal with the negative impact of this proposed construction.

This bad idea has been turned down by islanders once before.
How many times do we have to say “no”?

I request that the PSC **deny EU’s application for wastewater** service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Janice Schroder

Email: janice@schroder.net

Sent from my iPad

Antonia Hover

From: Matthew DeFilippis <mdefilippis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 1:40 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: Request waste water service

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today as a concerned property and business owner at 7025 Placida Road, Englewood FL to express my support for a centralized sewer system. It is my understanding that when centralized sewer becomes available to Little Gasparilla, Knight Island and local areas a new line will be brought by our office location. I am requesting waste water service at that time.

My family lives in an amazing coastal community which enjoys the local waters of Lemon Bay, Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve, Gasparilla Sound and near shore. We have a duty for stewardship of these coastal waters, our community and its economy. Septic systems in coastal areas are a detriment to our environment. High water tables, high flushing tides and poorly system flush human waste into the waters surrounding our area. The results are worsening coastal algal blooms, hazardous streets of Little Gasparilla after a heavy rain with high tide, reduced sales of commercial seafood, reduced recreational fishing, and inhibited ecotourism.

There has been opposition to centralized sewer when it was first proposed. I found all the supporting evidence and the information is clear. I read a study done in Lee County, the county directly south of us on the coast that shares Gasparilla Sound that proved septic contamination of local waters. I just typed into Google and Google scholar "Are septic systems in coastal areas bad for environment" and it listed some good peer reviewed Journals discussing the harmful effects of septic systems on costal watersheds.

<https://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/septic-systems-southwest-florida.php#:~:text=Florida's%20coastal%20regions%20are%20particularly,water%20tables%20and%20porous%20soils.>

I urge you to consider the overwhelming evidence supporting centralized sewer system and take action to prioritize the health of our environment and community. I am requesting centralized sewer and ready to tie in.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Matthew DeFilippis

7025 Placida Rd.

2129 Michigan Ave

19076 Cochran Blvd.

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From: Christopher Zenaty <czenaty@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:18 PM
To: Office of Chairman La Rosa
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Hello,

I am a property owner on Palm Island.

Please accept this email expressing my serious concerns about this sewer project being proposed by a for profit corporation. There are many reasons that should be considered.

All residents are environmentally conscious about our island and want to keep it in the pristine condition it is today.

This proposal would damage the island forever.

I am not supporting this project.

Chris Zenaty
45 Palm Drive
Placida, FL

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