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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Docket # 20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20240032. Thank you!

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Subject: Docket # 20240032-SU

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Commissioner Clark:

My husband and I are owners of a condo(I-9) in the Hideaway Bay community on Little Gasparilla Island. It has come to our attention that a private utility company is asking for permission to install sewers on this island at a tremendous cost to all who live there.

As owners in the Hideaway Bay community, we have a licensed, properly maintained waste plant on our property. As a community, we designate thousands of dollars each year to maintain this facility and meet all the state and local requirements. The residents of this community have not asked for or need a sewer system that will require our perfectly good system to be shut down and to be required to hook up to the new system which as I understand it will cost a minimum of \$20,000 per unit owner in addition to the monthly fees.

It should be noted that Charlotte county is not pushing sewer systems on any of the barrier islands and that the company that is applying for this approval is a private, for-profit organization (EU). If a poll was taken of LGI residents, based on my understanding of information provided at the last Hideaway Bay HOA meeting, there would be few if any who are in favor of this project.

As concerned island property owners, my husband and I ask that you not approve this project. We did not ask for a new private sewer system nor do we need a system in Hideaway Bay. We appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

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From: Colin Sue-A-Quan <colin.sue-a-quan@hotmail.com>
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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