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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.

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- 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