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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:41 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032
Attachments: Re docket #20240032-SU; IN RE: Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: Feiner Daniel <feinerdr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:00 PM
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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My name is Veronica Miks, I own a house and property on Little Gasparilla Island , and I am writing to you again to object to Environmental Utilities, LLC application to install a central sewer system on our island. This company tried to do this a few years ago and is applying again. The type of system that they have proposed is a system that most likely will be more susceptible to failure than the current septic system that the island has, which currently are up to code per the state standards. The type of system relies on a grinder which needs electricity, and if there is a power outage, the sewer could fail. There also is the cost, which at this point is prohibitive with the knowledge that it could fail and cost even more to mitigate the failures, especially in a costal community. The island has few full time residents. The impact of our current septic system is nil according to the state records of pollution bloom. It is never from our island. Plus, the company has not mentioned what environmental impact or mitigation that they will do if and when they cross over environmentally sensitive property. I would imagine that they will have to cross through Don Pedro State Park with their current plan. I myself have property that I have planted with native trees and flowers that could be impacted by this.

This company has no experience in sewer building. They used to run a makeshift water company and expanded it to the point that they could not properly supply water to the people that they sold it to. They did unlicensed plumbing and hookups and ultimately the county had to regulate them. This is a private, for profit company, which also jacked up the water prices initially until there was a complaint as to their prices to the state.

I ask you to deny Environmental Utilities, LLC application for wastewater service.

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPad

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From: Frank Campoamor <frankcampoamor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:57 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; mfriedman@deanmead.com
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My dad and I own 2 properties on LGI. We have been coming to the island since 1978, when I was 7 years old. I come to the island at least 25 times per year. I can tell you unequivocally that the water quality in the Gulf and the Bay has dramatically worsened since 1978, and especially in the last 10 to 12 years as the island has become a rental hotspot. These rentals have lots of people cramming into a house which results in more than normal use of the septic systems. I can also tell you that undoubtedly, most of the septic tanks on the island have not been properly maintained and are not in good working order, only exacerbating the sewage seeping into our waterways.

And in reading a lot of the correspondence, seems when you read between the lines that the main issue is the cost to convert from septic to sewer and also the monthly fee, and I get that. I would bet though that if surveys were done of everyone's septic systems, that most of them would probably incur at least if not more the cost to connect to the sewer system to bring their septic system into good working order, which for many may involve replacement and digging out a new drain field.

And admittedly, when the issue of having to convert from well water systems to central water came up, I was against it because of the cost. Now fast forward and we are on central water, I was wrong to oppose it. It has been so much better to be on central water than a well system. The same will be true for septic versus sewer system.

There is definitely a need for a sewer system, and we are requesting that Environmental Utilities' application be approved. I have seen firsthand the deterioration of the water quality in the 45 years that I have been on the island.

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