

Antonia Hover

From: Betty Leland
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket #20240032
Attachments: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Fwd: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; docket # 20240032 ; Re: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Re: Objection to Environmental Utilities, LLC; Please oppose Docket # 20240032 Environmental Utilities application for providing sewer services to bridge less barrier islands in Charlotte Founty

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Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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From: jen vinci <jen@ipatools.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; +Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us
Subject: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Please deny the EU application to dig up our island and put in a sewer system. We believe the results of installing a central sewage system will not outweigh the consequences, as well as affecting all of the owners on the island financially.

Thank you for considering what I feel.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Vinci

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From: Cathy Derr <cathy@gwamarillo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 12:34 PM
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We also do not feel we have the infrastructure necessary to do this on the island.

We have been in constant rebuild and repair and it's taken a huge financial toll on our community. We just aren't able to keep up with more expenses nor do we need something that isn't broken.

Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you!
Cathy Derr
530 N Gulf , Placida

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From: Cameron Peterson <lush0@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 12:32 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: docket # 20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Cameron Peterson. I own unit C7 at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island which is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). I am writing this letter to ask you to deny the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

EU made the change to the location of the waste water transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to the HBBC property. Even though we were excluded from the scope of this application on May 13, 2024 (Doc # 03001-2024) by EU's attorney, this change directly affects every one of the owners at HBBC. We were not notified of this substantial change to the application. This is a direct violation of one of the tenets by which the PSC should base their decision - proper notification of all involved parties. This change to the application without notification denies the owners at HBBC of our due process to be able to fight this change.

The letter from the HBBC lawyer, Nick Porter dated February 28, 2025 (Doc #01210-2025) also states HBBC's position in this matter. I was extremely disappointed the PSC staff did not take into account this oversight in notification in their recommendation.

132 Families are being denied their due process because of the change made by EU without notification

If EU plans to use the model as indicated in the 2017 CC SMP, the pump house for the sewer will be built on the HBBC Septic Plant drain field. Building anything on our drain field will result in the community being shut down completely while the construction is underway. It will also force us to hook up to the EU sewer despite being excluded from the scope of this project. How can this be done without any kind of notification? Again, 132 families are being denied our due process.

Because we were excluded from the scope of this application, there have been no estimates of the hook up costs for the condos. If this scenario plays out, HBBC would have to be the first people forced to hook up to the sewer system. We wouldn't have any recourse to this questionable action by EU, we wouldn't have any indication of the costs associated with this action, we wouldn't be able to use our homes resulting in additional living expenses until the initial sewer construction was completed and we would have to assume the costs of

decommissioning our septic plant. Is this fair & reasonable for the 132 families that are excluded from the scope of this application.

132 families that are directly affected have not been notified. 132 families currently using a DEP permitted septic plant do not need a sewer line brought to our property. 132 families have no idea what the financial burden will be if this transmission line is brought to our property.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Cameron and Stacey Peterson
HBBC Unit C7

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From: Holly Parrish <hollyparrish@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Re: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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540 N Gulf - is our residence. My apologies for leaving this off.
Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 28, 2025, at 11:18 AM, Holly Parrish <hollyparrish@me.com> wrote:

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Holly Parrish
Steve Parrish

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From: Roy & Wendy Petteway <oranges@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: Re: Objection to Environmental Utilities, LLC

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This letter is to strenuously object to the approval of the wastewater project for Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), Knight Island, Don Pedro Island and Palm Island by Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU).

As a homeowner on LGI, I was disheartened and devastated to read that the committee recommended this be approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC). If the Charlotte County Commission is indeed in favor of this utility, why then hasn't Charlotte County proceeded to do so on its own? Why was I just given a permit for a environmentally friendly septic system for my house I'm rebuilding after losing it during Hurricane Ian? Why isn't the county installing a wastewater system, and a payment plan made available, as had been done in Grove City years ago? The financial cost to homeowners on the barrier islands is tremendous, with some homeowners unable to bear the cost, and they would have to sell their homes, rather than pay the outrageous fees required of homeowners to comply with the installation of the wastewater system Please read the hundreds of letters sent during the qualifying period, detailing the cost involved, and the detriment to the islands this would be.

I am begging you to reconsider the recommendation to allow EU to have the license to install a wastewater system on LGI and the entire island strand. The island has such a precious ecosystem, with native flora and fauna, and with wild animals and humans living together. We have pairs of Bald Eagles nesting on the island, bobcats roam, endangered Gopher Tortoises, armadillos, osprey, rabbits, etc., who live in harmony on the island, and those animals would have their habitat irreparably destroyed with the installation of the wastewater system.

Mr. Boyer also will have an uphill battle obtaining the easements required to install the system, despite his claims that it would be no problem to do so. He has made false statements concerning easements, and has led people to believe it would be easier than actually so, and must more costly. Most of the "roads" on the island are actually private property and would necessitate easements from the owners to run the underground pipes required. It would run into the millions of dollars for him to just obtain the easements he would need.

If you remember, there were many, many letters of opposition to the project, as well as a very large amount of people who were able to come speak at the public meeting held by the PSC. Those sentiments have not changed. We overwhelmingly feel that the wastewater project proposed by Mr. Boyer would have such a detrimental effect on the island, as to change it forever, with no chance of ever being the piece of paradise it is now. The potential for a sewage spill is great, as Mr. Boyer has demonstrated with the breaks in our water supply that happen at an alarming rate. The delicate ecosystem of the Lemon Bay Estuary and the island itself would suffer catastrophic damage from such a spill.

The island property owners do not want this utility to proceed, there has been no demonstrated need for it, other than Mr. Boyer wants to do so to make money. The few people who have written or spoken to the PSC desiring the project to move forward are people with a financial stake in doing so, or are Mr. Boyer's family.

I am praying you reconsider the recommendation and deny the application of Environmental Utilities, LLC to install a wastewater system of Little Gasparilla Island, Knight Island, Don Pedro Island and Palm Island.

Wendy Petteway

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Placida, Florida

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From: Craig Grant <craiggrant2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; commissionerpassidomo@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Please oppose Docket # 20240032 Environmental Utilities application for providing sewer services to bridge less barrier islands in Charlotte Founty

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Dear Florida PSC Commioners

Please oppose/ deny EU's application to provide sewer services for LGI and other bridge less barrier islands.

As an owner on the island for over 15 years. The following reasons specifically apply to Little Gasparilla Island (LGI). Most also apply to the other bridge less barrier islands.

LGI has approximately 390 houses and about 150 condos. Houses on the island have septic systems. The condos have their own septic/sewer system that is regulated by the state of Florida.

Few houses or condos have full time residents throughout the island; thus resulting in less stress on the systems and less discharge from the septic systems.

LGI is predominantly a private island. There are very few right of ways. Most sand paths are on private property.

Most lots are fairly small 50 x100 ft. So giving up property to give access for right of ways is unrealistic for a lot of the property owners.

The petitioner requesting approval for the sewer service applications principal has strong ties to the utility providing water services to LGI.

The system proposed; as I understand is similar to the Charlotte County system providing services in Placida mainland Florida. I've owned a house in Winward and my system has had to be dug up 4 times in the 15 years I owned the house. In fact it was dug up again last week. Unfortunately I did not get a pick of the 3 monster trucks and back home for the digging. This is certainly not a system I would want on LGI. I will include a pic of the current status.

Large equipment must be barged to the island. To make repairs. Charlotte County was reluctant to provide hurricane Helene and Milton help due to the logistics. Fortunately they decided to do the right thing to provide hurricane debris removal assistance.

Use of large equipment during the removal of hurricane debris we had many water main breaks because of the poor infrastructure of the water lines. Not buried deep enough and unprotected access points as a part of their design.

A central system consolidates the sewer into a single point or a few points of consolidation. A break in one of critical pieces could be far far worse than a limited number of septic systems that are used only on a part time basis.

The cost of the proposed system is ridiculous. The proposed hook up fees and proposed recurring monthly fees are unacceptable.

Proof of the actual need of service is non-existent vs. the part time used existing septic infrastructure.

Your denial of EU's sewer application would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,

Craig Grant
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