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From: Jacob Veagh on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 4:32 PM
To: 'Janet Fuquay'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Objection to EU, LLC's application for certificate for wastewater service in Charlotte Co. #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Janet Fuquay

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: Janet Fuquay <janfuq@live.com>
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January 10, 2021 Docket number 20200226-SU

Friends:

I own a home on Little Gasparilla Island, 9756 Alborado Rd. I write today in objection to the application for original certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC. We have had water service from Little Gasparilla Water Utility, owned by Jack Boyer, for over 20 years. We have never been impressed with the quality of the water, the water pressure, or the level of customer service provided. The rates are ridiculous and seem to go up at his whim despite regulation.

Now he wants the wastewater franchise also. We object to this being a for-profit utility. On top of the gargantuan cost of building a wastewater collection system on a bridgeless barrier island, we will have to pay his profit. His company supposedly has an agreement with a treatment facility on the mainland to treat the sewage collected on Little Gasparilla Island. Many current news reports say that this facility, as are many

Florida facilities, is already overburdened and does not provide much additional potential capacity. We feel that well-maintained individual septic systems are less of a danger to the environment than poorly managed community systems.

We feel that installing massive sewer lines will destroy our peaceful little island and cause long-term damage to its fragile ecosystem. There is also the issue of easements. No one seems to know how Mr. Boyer obtained the easements for the water utility. All property on Little Gasparilla Island is private and we feel that should this proceed, Environmental Utilities, LLC, will have to negotiate with each individual property owner to obtain easements.

We do not feel that this private company has the ability to accomplish this project. Knowing that he had to inform property owners 30 days before the first PSC hearing, which was January 5, Mr. Boyer was unable to accomplish this. He sent a letter dated December 17 which most homeowners received the last week of December or the first week of January, and many homeowners have yet to receive any notice at all. He has not done any of the engineering or cost estimation for this project. We do not feel that the PSC should grant him this certificate without cost information.

We could list 100 other reasons that we object to the granting of this certificate of authorization, but we are conscious of your time. In short, please do not grant the certificate for waste water service to Environmental Utilities LLC. Thank you.

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