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From: Jacob Veaughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:16 AM
To: 'Marie McCaughan'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: PSC Docket #20200226

Good Morning, Marie McCaughan

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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Re: PSC Docket #20200226

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to PSC docket #20200226 regarding the Environmental Utilities application for wastewater/sewer Certificate. I am a resident of 8166 Little Gasparilla. I am writing to object to the application of Environmental Utilities and am requesting that the request for a certificate be denied. EU has no experience as a wastewater services provider. What they have proposed comes as a huge cost to homeowners (\$20,000) with no plan to allow payments over time. There is no information provided in regard to confirmed financing or even if they are experienced enough to complete this project safely without causing severe environmental issues.

What kind of ecological damage will occur if this project is allowed to move forward?
LGI is a barrier island with no paved roads, only sand paths and lanes with no designated north/south roads and all other property is private. This brings the question of easements. Where will lift stations be located? How

much private property will need to be accessed, potentially damaged? What happens if the funds run out and EU is unable to complete the project? Charlotte County has stated they will not be part of this project. Will homeowners be left to pay the bill?

Moreover, there is no documentation of how the installation of municipal sewer service on Don Pedro Island will affect the nitrogen levels since all sewerage is stored in tanks and not pumped into bodies of water. There has been no feasibility or environmental study that can point to any environmental benefit of changing systems for such a sparsely populated area. EU should not be able to proceed in the permitting process until it makes the required financial disclosures (e.g., the confidential documents must be made public and their funding sources confirmed) including rates and fees publicly, as well as environmental impacts and full plans of how it will affect the island.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please keep me informed of updates in regard to this project.

Sincerely,

Marie McCaughan