

January 11, 2021

Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk  
Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We are writing to you today to oppose the above mentioned docket. As a homeowner of Little Gasparilla Island, we have already witnessed the damage the Little Gasparilla Water Utility (LGWU) owned by Jack and Diane Boyer have caused on our island. On January 1, 2021, the entire island was required to hook up to LGWU water whether we chose to or not. In accomplishing this, LGWU was successful in causing the Charlotte County Commission to change multiple ordinances, laws and county plans for growth already on the books in favor of LGWU's request. This wrong was furthered by the Public Service Commission (PSC) awarding LGWU with the highest water rates in the entire state of Florida. If you couple this with LGWU being allowed to charge \$5000 just to hook up to water not including a plumber to make the hook up to the home (or in our case, pulling a permit and doing the work ourselves), you will understand some of the basis for our concerns.

Our objection centers around the fact the LGWU has already taken great leeway in the way water has been run on the island. I (Lee Roberts) have personally watched LGWU put water lines along property lines from one area to the next without consent from the owners. Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) is owned and will be operated by Jack and Diane Boyer from the same address as LGWU. My fear is that the haphazard care for the environment exhibited by LGWU will be multiplied if EU is allowed to work with sewer installation. Additionally, any spillage from this system will flow directly into the Charlotte Harbor watershed.

An additional concern comes from EU/LGWU not being forthright in the cost of this effort. In the documents submitted to the PSC, EU has not shown the full cost of the project and subsequently, the cost to the homeowners. Mr. Boyer, in meetings with our homeowner's association, has stated that he estimates costs to hook up to the system at \$20000 to \$25000 per home, an amount that would be beyond the means of many homeowners. This again would entail additional funding for a permit or plumber to hook up to the system. Again, this request is being made without having full numbers on the table as to the complete cost of the project, and my fear is that these numbers will grow.

We are greatly opposed to this project. It is our hope that the PSC will this time say no to EU in their attempts. Please remember that the previous PSC decision to allow Mr. Boyer to move on the water left him as the highest water provider in Florida at almost double the state average. Please do not allow him and EU the same open checkbook with regards to sewer installation.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candace Anderson Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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