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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:18 AM
To: 'Feiner Daniel'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Morning, Feiner Daniel.

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

Thank you!

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From: Feiner Daniel <feinerdr@sbcglobal.net>
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From: Feiner Daniel <feinerdr@sbcglobal.net>
Date: January 24, 2022 at 12:03:31 AM EST
To: Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us, commissioner.clark@psc.state.fl.us,
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Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear commissioners

My name is Veronica Miks and I own a house on Little Gasparilla Island. I am formally requesting that the PSC deny the application of the company EU for wastewater services and their Original Certificate of Authorization.

I have many concerns about this company. When they originally provided water as a private company, due to their inexperience, they overextended their capabilities on Little Gasparilla Island, subsequently needing the county to oversee, and now, by default, many had to forsake water saving cisterns and force hook up to his private company. His rates for metering cost more than an average homeowner on the mainland, and the island had to go to the state commission to object to his overcharge of water rates.

Now there is a costly proposal by his company, which has no experience in sewer development, to place a sewer system on our island, a small barrier island, with no commercial development and very few permanent year round residents. There is no farming or grass which contribute to fertilizer runoff and the current sewers should be up to current Florida code. Looking at the state records, pollution and runoff are non existent in the waterways around our island. I know for a fact that my well, which I don't use, was tested for nitrogen and e. Coli and passed, showing that the ground water is not being contaminated in my area. There is no urgent need for a sewer system in this area to be placed by a company with no experience.

My other concerns include prohibitory costs to a person with a fixed income. This company has not been forthright in costs, but I have been told it will probably be greater than 10K to be paid up front along with secondary costs of electrical panel to support the type of sewer they want to build, which is not practical on an island with frequent power outages. Supposedly, they want to place a grinding type sewer, which although cheaper initially, is potentially more costly as time goes on, especially if electrical panels need upgrading, the grinder deteriorates faster in a costal climate and needs replacement every 5 years. If there is a prolonged loss of power, there is no backup plan because this type of sewer doesn't work without power, potentially causing a health problem. Other than supplying and maintaining your own generator, another cost, there is no alternative. I imagine it would be very hard on the elderly if there was a problem.

My other issue is the environmental impact and there has been no studies to see the effect. EU has sent misleading articles about how the Crystal River is affected, but this is an area with a higher population impact and density, totally dissimilar to the area of Little Gasparilla Island. We have no cars, no grass, no agricultural areas, no commercial property. It has two small condo areas that are not high rise buildings, just side by side units, and empty lots and single unit family homes which are mostly 2 bedrooms; not high density. There are protected gopher tortoises here and the other protected animals that use their burrows. EU plans on going through a state park for their set up and through the intercostal to connect to the mainland. I have not heard of their plan to mitigate their environmental impact.

These are a few of my issues with this unproven company, and it will impact me both financially as well as concerns of damage to my property and landscaping, especially as I have explicitly used native plants, bushes and trees to attract birds, butterflies and other native species and allow them a habitat on the barrier island. I maintain my septic system. Please do not allow this unproven, inexperienced company the rights to place an unwanted, non urgent, inappropriate expensive sewer on the island.

Thank you very much for reading my concerns.

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