

Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20200226
Attachments: Request to deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system Docket 20200226; In support of EU conversion of septic to sewer; Covert septic; I support EU sewer project; In support for sewer; RE Docket# 20200226-SU; Docket # 20200226-SU; Docket #20200226-SU Request for PSC to deny EU's application for wastewater service.; RE. Docket #20200226-SU - 381 Kettle Harbor; LGI sewer

Good morning,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200226.

Thank you!

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From: Julie Imig <julie.imig@imig-llc.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 6:43 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Request to deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system Docket 20200226

Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

My husband, George Shopp and I own the property at 9866 Little Gasparilla Island. We are writing to request that you deny Environmental Utilities' application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system (Docket 20200226).

After reading expert testimony, it is not clear to me that degree of pollution from septic systems warrants installation of a sewer system.

I wonder if the potential environmental benefits of the proposed sewer system would be worth the disruption to the island. Numerous turtles, birds and other animals nest where the power lines run through our property (which I assume is where EU proposes accessing our property). We looked into burying power lines 5 years ago and one thing FPL told us that the turtle nest would need to be relocated at a cost of \$3000 per nest.

Is it known whether certain septic systems are causing problems and others aren't? Perhaps it would make more sense to assess the status of septic systems on the Island to ensure they are compliant. If it turns out we do need a sewer system, I would not entrust the planning and installation of a sewer system to a private company. What is the reasoning behind using a private company with no experience? Can the county take on this responsibility?

I have not seen any plan for the type of system or its installation. This will be a unique job and require expertise. It is my understanding that EU has no experience with sewer systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Imig and George Shopp.

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From: eu777offices@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:11 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk
Subject: In support of EU conversion of septic to sewer

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to express my support of Environmental Utilities in their efforts of converting septic to sewer.

This will help improve the quality of our coast, waterways and wildlife.

As a local island broker associate with 17 years experience selling on the islands, I believe this will increase property values and quality of living for local residents.

Thank you,
Courtney



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From: eu777offices@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk
Subject: Covert septic

"I support Environmental Utilities efforts to convert septic to sewer"

Anything to improve our overall coastal water quality.

Jonathan Wright
Certified Arborist.

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From: eu777offices@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk
Subject: I support EU sewer project

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

I support EU sewer project

On Thursday, January 27, 2022, 1:34 PM, Brian Callahan <mrbriancallahan@gmail.com> wrote:

I support the EU sewer project

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From: eu777offices@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:06 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk
Subject: In support for sewer

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of Environmental Utilities LLC in their effort to convert septic to sewer.

Nick. 9296 Little Gasparilla Island

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From: Tracy December <tracydecember@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Cc: Tony & Tracy December
Subject: RE: Docket#20200226-SU

To Whom It May Concern:

Please deny Environmental Utilities application for waste water removal.

We see no need for a sewer system on our island. We have owned our home on Don Pedro for 20 years and treasure our lifestyle here.

Our biggest fears are that this construction will tear up our island, the natural landscape, the roads and the waterways during construction. There are not many places like this left in Florida. We do not need to develop these islands anymore. The septics have worked and are still working. We replaced our septic in 2019 along with all the new landscaping around it.

The numbers we are seeing regarding construction, hook up, maintenance and monthly service charges are alarming. And how do we hold this company accountable if things don't go as originally planned?

We don't need this.

Tracy and Tony December
290 south Gulf Blvd #31
Colony Don Pedro

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From: lagvascular@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: Docket # 20200226-SU

*Laura A. Gruneiro, M.D.
20120 Granlago Drive
Venice, FL 34293*

RE: Private Sewer Project, Docket # 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner LaRosa:

I am writing to formally request that you deny EU's application for wastewater service to Palm Island in Charlotte County. I am a property owner within the proposed service area of Palm Island at 421 Kettle Harbor Drive, Placida. This is a small barrier island with mostly second homes that are unoccupied by owners or renters a large portion of the time. It is a rural area where owners make environmental conservation and wildlife preservation a high priority. As a rural area, Charlotte County has discouraged central sewer system infrastructure that would promote higher density residential or commercial development. We have a large gopher tortoise population and a thriving sea turtle nesting season that would be jeopardized by overdevelopment and potentially by large scale machinery brought in to run sewer pipes, install holding tanks, and crush existing septic systems. To my knowledge, there have been no studies of the water quality in this service area that prove contamination from the current septic systems. The county ordinance requires inspection and pumping of septic system at regular intervals and there have been no documented septic system failures. There is no guarantee that conversion to a sewer system will eliminate nitrate and phosphate contamination, as evidenced by the contamination documented in Rotunda. There is also the risk of a sewage leak into surrounding waterways which would be more catastrophic than an isolated septic system failure.

Until the need for conversion from septic to sewer on Palm Island is supported by water quality testing, I do not see the rush to grant EU permission to develop a private sewer system. I have not seen any concrete data showing the feasibility and cost of such a project. I do not believe EU has the technical expertise to undertake a sewer project. I strongly believe that if such a project is deemed necessary for environmental reasons, that it should be constructed and managed by Charlotte County, not a private company that has not determined costs of hook-up and maintenance and that will not be regulated to ensure that we Charlotte County residents will be charged fair and equitable rates as compared with other residents of the county. In addition, it is my understanding that the pump requires electricity, which is frequently disrupted on this island for long periods of time. This could cause sewage back-up. Disruption of the existing septic tanks on the island may require destruction of mature landscaping which in turn will affect wildlife on the island. I am also against the easement EU has requested that would go from the sewer equipment close to my home to the road. I have strong concerns regarding EU's ability to provide emergency service for sewer system issues, particularly on a barrier island only accessible by ferry from 6:30 am to 10 pm. Please, before rushing into such a large project with a private company without experience in sewer system construction, deny EU's application for wastewater service until you are presented with more data showing the need for such service and the cost for the installation and maintenance of such service.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Gruneiro M.D.
lagvascular@aol.com

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From: Helen Blyth <durbsgal@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU : Request for PSC to deny EU's application for wastewater service.

> To whom it may concern,

> My husband and I built our house on LGI starting in 2015. We recently retired and will be realizing our dream of living on the island full time this year . We will be on a fixed income and the proposed private central sewer with its capital and monthly costs are unaffordable. There are no proposed provisions for either a payment plan over a reasonable time period , nor any government grants and it does not include the cost of hook up to my house. Please note these costs are only estimates and so the final cost will be beyond most residents ability to pay therefore defeating the entire point of the project .

> We already pay a huge property tax and judging by the cost of the water supply and with the hook up fee by the same people I have zero confidence in this proposed PRIVATE project.

> Regards,
> Helen Blyth
> 9520 Jolly Roger Trail
Little Gasparilla Island
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Lisa Smith

From: Ember Harker <ember@launchsnap.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU - 381 Kettle Harbor

Dear Commissioner LaRosa,

I'm writing to you in regard to Docket #20200226-SU. My name is Ember Harker, ember@launchsnap.com. I'm currently building a new home at 381 Kettle Harbor Drive on Palm Island. This will be our primary residence where we plan to stay as long as we are able.

My family has been coming to this island for decades. The unique charm of this island simply cannot be imagined. From the car ferry that takes you onto the island, to the sand roads and golf carts, to the hawks, dolphins, manatees and gopher tortoises, to houses floating on stilts in the air, and the pristine white sand and blue water beaches...palm island is without question, magical.

We feel a profound sense of gratitude to be able to build our forever home on this island. We've dreamed of it for years but it's been financially out of our grasp. In order to build this home, we sold our home and have been living with my inlaws until our house is built. Imagine moving in with your mom at 50 years old...that's how committed we are to making this dream come true.

Our home isn't huge by most standards but it's every penny we can afford and part of that is a brand new, state of the art septic system. Which brings me to the proposed sewer service. I oppose this proposal for several reasons:

1. There's no consideration for the age of the septic system. Instead everyone would be forced to transition to the sewer regardless of the age of the system or need to be replaced. It makes no sense to rip out a brand new system.
2. We simply cannot afford it. We've put everything into this house and having to come up with such a huge chunk of money for a service *we don't want and did not request* after having just put in a brand new septic would be an incredible burden.
3. There is a complete lack of transparency around the financial implications of the proposed sewer. I don't feel that adequate due diligence has been performed and do not feel any sense of confidence about the cost of this endeavor short term or long term.
4. There's no proven need for sewer. We are strong advocates for greener living and plan to have a chemical free property. We've read the research and do not see any credible need for sewer nor proof that the septic systems on the island are causing harm.
5. I do not feel that the applicant has the technical experience appropriate to take on such a project. I'm not sure why someone who has never done a project like this would even apply or ever be granted a permit.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Ember Harker

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From: RANDY LEVY <randotter@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Cc: Petrina Iverson
Subject: LGI sewer

We are at 8816 Grand Ave on LGI. We are in favor of the sewer proposal. The septic system failure and non maintenance on the island is a joke. With heavy rains the overflow is disgusting. The replacement cost of septic is well in excess of \$25,000 per system.

A managed sewer system is an asset for us as home owners.

Rand Levy
6128898776 cell