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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:24 PM
To: 'Kathy Stokes'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket # 20200226

Good Afternoon, Roy Stokes.

We will be placing your 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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Subject: Docket # 20200226

Dear Commissioners, I am requesting that you deny Environmental Utility's application for a wastewater certificate to our BRIDGELESS BARRIER ISLAND. (Knights, Palm Island, Don Pedro and Little Gasparilla -once separate, now connected by beach only due to Mother Nature's forces).

We have a unique locale, many geographical, environmental and COMMON SENSE complications. We are barge only access, (a ferry for Palm Island and wooden 40-50 ft barge pushed by boat with outboard motor for LGI) as far as large equipment coming to the island. It is Very expensive, last quote to us, \$600 a trip to Little Gasparilla, the part where we live. EU never specifically addresses the barge fees in what we've read. LGI has only sandy lanes, no paved roads and we have frequent power outages, even without storms, which can last from hours to days. Repair crews from FPL have to come by boat of course.

We have NO confidence in the Boyers of Environmental Utilities to have the technical and financial ability, nor confidence of the island homeowners to take on this massive project! PLUS, there is no performance bond! The costs, difficulties, and probability of failure are very alarming in our opinions. Charlotte County should be undertaking this project if testing specific to our bridgeless barrier island ever was done and truly show the need, which has not been shown as of this time. Charlotte County Sewer Master Plan addresses affordability saying costs should be at or below \$113 a month for sewer and \$204 for sewer AND water. EU's estimate is \$256 for sewer alone, much over twice the rate they consider affordable. LGI's water company is

owned by the same utility owners as EU., and our average monthly rate is \$118, yielding a combined rate of \$374 a month! Outrageous! Almost twice the affordable rate cited by the county in their Sewer Master Plan!

In addition, we don't understand how Charlotte County gave EU a contract without any bids, to apply for this certificate. They require other private companies to demonstrate project experience, references of 3 similar projects of scope and size! (EL Jobean project an example) It would seem that the PSC and Charlotte County should require the same criteria for Environmental Utilities which is a start up company with NO experience of this needed magnitude! To manage construction and contracting for a project this huge requires experience and skills that the Boyers of EU have not shown.

For all of the above reasons and others quoted in letters to the PSC, and statements by homeowners made at the Service Hearing for this docket, I am requesting you DENY the application to Environmental Utilities. Thank you.

Roy Stokes
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