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**From:** Hannah Barker  
**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 10:05 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Correspondence  
**Attachments:** Docket # 20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket#20240032-SU. No Sewer Please!; Docket #20240032-SU; RE.Docket#20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20240032. Thank you!

**Hannah E. Branum**  
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**From:** Maggie Main <fancymagpie95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:46 AM  
**To:** Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.stae.fl.us; Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark;  
Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket # 20240032-SU

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To Those it May concern:

As resident of 8550 Grand Ave., Little Gasparilla Island, I am writing to request that you vehemently reject the proposal from E.U. for application for waste water services on LGI.

**\*WE DID NOT - DO NOT REQUEST WASTE WATER SERVICES ON THE ISLAND.**

**\*DO NOT SEE THE NEED FOR SEWERS ON THE ISLAND WITH FEW FULL TIME RESIDENTS**

**\*TYING INTO THE FAILING WASTE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE MAINLAND IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER**

**\*EU IS A PRIVATE, FOR PROFIT UTILITY COMPANY WITH ZERO EXPERIENCE INSTALLING / OWNING A WASTE WATER UTILITY**

**\*NOT AT ALL COMFORTABLE WITH POTENTIAL RATES AND CHARGES WHICH REMAIN UNKNOWN**

**\*A PROPERLY MAINTAINED SEPTIC SYSTEM REMAINS THEE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND OPTION FOR LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND**

As a seasonal resident of LGI of 9 yrs, I respectfully request that PSC deny EU's application for waste water service.

Concerned,  
Margaret Main  
8550 Grand Ave.,  
LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND,  
Placida  
FL  
P.O. Box 151  
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**From:** terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:55 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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> My Name is Terry Kent  
> 470 Bocilla Dr.  
> Don Pedro Island  
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> Up front I want to voice my opinion on why we do not want a sewer at this present time.  
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> After reading over the proposal my first comment is "This proposal is a solution looking for a problem."  
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> Why I am against this:  
> A. I do not believe at this time we have a problem on sewerage that needs addressing. No proven reason why we need it.  
> B. If we need a sewer that should be up to the county to address and to tax us accordingly .  
> C. Uncertain Hook-up Cost:  
> D. No contract...normally for this type of construction there is a general bid. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer.  
> E. No performance bond required.  
> F. EU has not shown that he has the expertise for this type of project.  
> G. The scope of this project would be large...disruption of traffic flow on the island would be horrible. We are accessed only by ferry.  
> H. No compensation for the easements that would be from the house to the road.  
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> Commissioner, I would ask that you deny this 1/2 baked idea be shelved until we have a problem that needs to be solved. And not let someone who thinks we have a problem for him to solve. Please deny the EU application.  
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> Thank you,  
> Terry Kent

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**From:** Kelly Lube <lubekelly@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 3:06 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; commissioner.grham@psc.state.fl.us; commissioner.Fay@psc.state.us  
**Subject:** Docket#20240032-SU. No Sewer Please!

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Hello Commissioners! "If its working, it doesn't need fixin"

Please, please...Our little island oasis community would not benefit from a private central sewer company. Just the costs alone will burden us. We just went thru hurricane Ian and many residents are still battling with insurance companies and insurance increases along with the rising costs of living. Our septic system work fine. If we were to go thru another big storm, we wouldn't be able to use the toilets without electricity (this is the type of sewer that is being proposed). During the hurricane, we were without electricity for almost 2 weeks, but most residents were living out of their homes without electricity, and trying to clean up what we could. I can't imagine what would have happened if we were not able to use our toilets as we were during the last storm. Would a private sewer company have to come put porta potties throughout the community? If that happened, I think more people would start peeing in the woods or off the docks.

My understanding is we would have to dig up our current septic tank and replace it with another tank; The cost of this alone and replacing our natural wildlife friendly landscaping, would put a big toll on our pocketbook. I also worry about the impact of all of this possible construction on our fragile ecosystem. The island recently became a national wildlife Federation certified community wildlife habitat. We have an abundance of wildlife including gopher tortoises, that would be impacted with the digging up of and putting pipes into the ground. Our island is also assessable only by a barge. Bringing over heavy equipment that will be holding up the barge line and blocking our narrow streets, for who knows how long is not we would want to deal with.

I have not heard about any studies where our septic is impacting the lemon bay aquatic preserve, so I'm not sure why this issue is being brought up once again. To me, it's about someone wanting to make money and not caring about the impact to the wildlife and the community as a whole. The person wanting to start this private business does not live in our community. Please, please....JUST SAY NO!

Kelly Lubē  
Resident of Don Pedro Island  
290 Kettle Harbor Dr.  
Lubekelly@yahoo.com  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Gil Collver <gil.collver@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:31 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Commissioner.LaRosa@pcs.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commissioner.Passidomo@pcs.state.fl.us; Commissioner.Fay@pcs.state.fl.us  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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We have been notified that Environmental Utilities has applied again for authority to construct a sewer system on Don Pedro Island where our home at 380 Palm Harbor Drive is located. Their previous attempt at this same subject was rejected when the evidence at the hearing showed clearly that there was no need nor demand for this service. The large number of owners present at the hearing were unanimously opposed and there was no evidence of any environmental damage resulting from the septic systems currently in use on the island. The effort taken by the residents of all the islands to defend against this strictly for-profit motivated company with absolutely no experience in sewer systems was very costly and upsetting. In addition the charges proposed in the initial application were outrageous for any service that should in fact be provided as a public utility service by the county if there were either need or demand. As nothing has changed regarding either need nor demand it is perfectly clear that this application should be rejected.

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**From:** Wayne Ator <wator@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:01 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Cassie Ator; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Subject:** RE.Docket#20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioners, we are writing to voice our opposition to EU's application to provide service to Palm Island. We feel it is very important for the county to realize the uniqueness of our situation. To begin it has not been determined that sewers are needed. Also, we have no confidence in the contractor you are considering for a project of this magnitude. It worries us of unforeseen destruction of our fragile wildlife habitats. The costs at a time when we are barely able to recover from damages of Ian. Not to mention the current plan to increase our insurance rates. Then who do you think is having to pay the exorbitant future monthly sewer fee.? We feel the county pushes our interests aside and turns a deaf ear to our needs. Please consider this a plea to think of your constituents wishes.

Ator, Wayne and Cassie  
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wator@comcast.net  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Paul Sarofim <psarofim@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:55 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket # 20240032-SU

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To Clerk of the Commission:

My name is Paul Sarofim and I own 9254 Little Gasparilla Island, which is within the proposed sewer service area for Little Gasparilla Island. **I am formally objecting to the sewer proposal and request that the PSC deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) for a central sewer system for Little Gasparilla Island.**

The proposed connection charges for the sewer system have ranged from \$11,000 to \$20,000 and it does not appear that sufficient engineering studies have been conducted to verify the pricing provided is even needed or justified. The proposed monthly sewer charges are VERY high compared to other utility rates. For the residents of Little Gasparilla Island, we already pay high monthly rates for the water system. I currently pay around \$75 per month for water with little water usage. Adding the proposed monthly sewer charges would bring the monthly water and sewer charges to over \$250 a month which is a ridiculous monthly charge for water and sewer compared to other local utilities.

With the 300 +/- homes on LGI, most being vacation rentals, I would assume that usage would be <50% of normal usage, thus the lack of need for a central sewer system, especially one being implemented by EU.

**In conclusion, due to the lack of technical expertise of the applicant, and inability to provide fair and equitable rates, I formally request that Environmental Utilities, LLC Application to provide sewer service to Little Gasparilla Island be denied.**

Sincerely,

Paul Sarofim

Property Owner: 9254 Little Gasparilla Island

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