

Hiep Nguyen

From: Office of Commissioner Fay
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 1:12 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032-SU
Attachments: Fwd: Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket NO 20240032-SU - 40 Kettle Harbor, Palcida FL 33946 (Palm Island/Don Pedro/Knights Island); FW: Docket #20240032-SU objection to application for certificate to provide wastewater service by Environmental Utilities LLC; Docket #20240032-SU objection to application for certificate to provide wastewater service by Environmental Utilities LLC

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20240032

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From: Bobbi Ruoss <ruoss1998@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:18 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
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To: <clerk@psc.state.fl.us>
Cc: <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>, <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state>, <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state>, <Commissioner.Graham@psc.state>, <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state>, <mfriedman@deanmead.com>

Good afternoon,

I am writing regarding my opposition to the sewer project referenced in the above docket.

We own a home on Little Gasparilla Island. We have not asked for, nor see the need for, sewer service to the island.

We are concerned that Environmental Utilities LLC is a private, for-profit company with no experience with a wastewater utility.

The charges for installation being quoted to us are beyond our means, especially as we are still trying to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

The monthly charges seem to be incredibly high considering that we will still have to pay to have the solid waste holding tank cleaned out regularly.

Thank you for your consideration of the negative impact this project will have on all Islanders.

Roberta & Douglas Ruoss
8434 Little Gasparilla Island

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From: Julie Kienitz-Peak <juliekeenpea@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:22 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; mfriendman@deanmead.com
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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To the Attention of: Clerk of Commission
Florida Public Service Commission

I am a homeowner on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), Placida, Florida, of Charlotte County, and I am writing to express my opposition and concerns to the application filed by Environmental Utilities, LLC, (EU) with their proposal to install central sewer lines to the barrier reef islands, including LGI. I respectfully ask that the PSC deny the EU's application for wastewater services to LGI.

My objections include the following reasons:

1. There is NO proven need for these services on LGI.
2. I did NOT request these services.
3. I am concerned that EU is a privately owned company with NO previous experience in the installation or maintenance of sewer lines.
4. This project would create tremendous disruption to the sensitive and volatile barrier reef islands for which it is proposed and would represent tremendous and unnecessary costs to all LGI home-owners for services that have literally no advantage to the environment and come with high stakes for property owners and the landscape itself.

The address of my island home is: 8234 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida, FL 33946.

My name and contact information is: Julie M. Kienitz-Peak, juliekeenpea@gmail.com, 608-632-4905

Thank you for your time and consideration,
J.M. Kienitz-Peak

Cc: Martin S Friedman, Esq, Dean Mead, Orlando FL

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From: RaeAnne Brenneise <rabrenneise@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 2:20 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU
Attachments: To whom it may concern 2024.pdf

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Thank you for your time.

To whom it may concern,

Once again, My name is RaeAnne Brenneise. My Husband Paul and I have resided at 47 Bocilla Dr. on Knight Island for 11 years. Since we moved here in 2013, we have had an aerobic system, of which we have had no issues at all. We report to the health dept 2x a year with no issues ever, year after year.

My question is why? Why are we continually having to write letters to defend what happens on our property from one individual who has never paid our taxes, our insurance or even been on our property. One individual who has no experience and no education on the subject of sewers and truly only sees dollars signs.

On September of 2022, we had a devastating hurricane hit Florida. The worst to hit our area, the islands were in shambles. For weeks there was no power, no communication. Our island families lost roofs, siding, windows, trees were down, power lines were severed. To date there are still far too many people not back in their homes due to insurances not paying, taking too long to pay and the amount of contactors unable to keep up. People have used up their resources just to keep surviving. Food prices higher than ever, rent is outrageous, insurances have doubled, mortgage's have increased. While still trying to recover families are still going into a deficit.

The last time we were approached with this was after Covid which also finically crippled many people, some were not able to recover.

Once again this comes up. This would all be out of pocket expense to the property owner, nothing would benefit any of us only one individual who would only reap benefits from our struggle. This would not only be the enormous one time payment of \$20000 to install, but a financial struggle every month of an extra 150-200 dollars, not to mention the expense of a generator to install and maintain and all the other "little hidden fees."

This is not to improve OUR lives this is to only benefit the greed of one person who forged a plan to pad his pockets off the backs of the families still trying to put their lives and homes back together. We had a cat 4 and our septics did not fail us and we hope you won't either.

We ask that you stand with our Island families who do not want this, do not need this and are so incredibly tired of fighting this person who keeps encroaching his greed unto our homes, our properties and our lives by once again saying NO TO JACK BOYER!

Thank you for your time.

Paul and RaeAnne Brenneise

47 Bocilla Dr.

Placida, Fl 33946

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From: Iris Grioli <igrio@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:35 AM
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To Whom this may concern,

I Iris E Grioli, owner of 40 Kettle Harbor Placida, FL 33946. On the 3rd Day of April, 2024 I received a memo docket no 20240032-SU Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by Enviornment Utilities, LLC. I am asking that this application be denied for the following reasons.

1. There is no need for a wastewater system as the existing septic systems are functioning properly with no evidence of any negative environmental impact. This is supported by the abundance of natural species inhabiting the island including a significant breeding population of endangered species. Such as the Gopher tortuous
2. A massive construction project such as would be required to install a wastewater system on the island would significantly and negatively impact the indigenous wildlife including the displacement of inhabitation destruction of endangered species. Such as Gohper tordoues
3. Forcing citizens to support a PRIVATE venture that they do not need would cause undue harm and financial burden in perpetuity and would be an abuse of governmental authority.
4. Constructing a wastewater pipeline connecting the island to the mainland would cause significantly irreparable disturbance to the wildlife in the intercoastal waterway.
5. The entirety of this proposal serves to enrich private investors by providing a service that the residents it serves do not want or need.
6. There have not been sufficient measures or safeguards established to provide that the residents and citizens, will not be subject to undue financial harm resulting from supporting the operational cost of maintaining the waste water system.

Should you have any questions please reach out to me directly at 201-681-1207

Regards,

Iris E Grioli, MA
201-681-1207

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From: bob@rowemitchell.com
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:47 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: FW: Docket #20240032-SU objection to application for certificate to provide wastewater service by Environmental Utilities LLC
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Dear Clerk and Commissioners.

See attached letter

Thank You

Robert Mitchell

Robert & Brenda Mitchell
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Sarasota, FL 34233

8304 Lil Gasparilla Island
Email bm1962srq@gmail.com

March 13, 2024

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

Re; Docket # 20240032-SU

Dear Commissioner;

My wife and I have been property owners on Lil Gasparilla, Island since 2000.

We are writing to express our objections to the Environmental Utilities, L.L.C. application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, specifically the bridgeless barrier islands of Lil Gasparilla, Don Pedro and Knight Island.

Our objections to the application are as follows.

- We do not feel there is a need for a central sanitary sewer on the above barrier islands. To our knowledge there is no general substantiated environmental issue with the existing private septic systems on the 3 barrier islands for single family residences. Furthermore, if there were drastic environmental issues with the existing septic systems why is there no outcry from the state DEP or Charlotte County Health Department?

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- We do not know a neighbor or island resident who has requested central sewer service on the noted barrier islands.
- We are very concerned about the financial and organizational stability of Environmental Utilities in the undertaking of such a project. The for-profit utility has demonstrated a profit first attitude with many people on Lil Gasparilla Island over their water service connection demands. Water service that many island residents did not want. Does this sound familiar to objections voiced by islanders during the last application for certificate to provide wastewater service from this same utility and the current sentiment of the islanders? We certainly think so!
- This mom-and-pop run utility lacks the structural/organizational stability and size to respond to major problems that will occur in the operation of a vital system like wastewater disposal. The utility work conducted by Environmental Utilities I have witnessed on the island was like the wild west. FYI I was a Florida Certified General Contractor (1985-2021) that worked with many large site development subs and Utility Contractors and what I witnessed on the Island was never done on our jobsites!
- The rates the utility charges for water are absurdly high based on the small economy of scale of the customer base, the enormous cost for a wastewater project in our current inflationary economic environment will be staggering. Correspondingly the rates charged to a customer will be unaffordable to many.

In these challenging economic times of historic inflation, the last thing we single family homeowners need is another huge expense for a wastewater utility that WE DO NOT WANT ! We islanders just incurred huge expense (emotional/economical) putting our homes and island back together after hurricanes Ian 2022 and Idalia 2023, we cannot afford this wastewater utility and its sky-high costs.

We implore you to see through Environmental Utilities for profit motives and DENY their application for certificate to provide wastewater services.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Mitchell

Brenda S. Mitchell

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