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**To:** 'Jennifer McCullough'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Jennifer & Orgain McCullough,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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Hello,

I am a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island and I live here full time in order to care for my 95 year old parents. My husband, Orgain, lives in Colorado but visits often.

I'm writing to you today to formally request that the PSC deny Environmental Utilities' application for wastewater service.

I have the following concerns:

1. I am an extremely environmentally conscientious person and realize that sewer hookup is absolutely the best thing that could happen for the island environment. I do have a concern about putting EU in charge of the effort. The system that would need to be put in place would have to be absolutely perfect or there could be a catastrophe on our hands. I would be more onboard if county or state true professionals were in charge.
2. Mr. Boyer currently charges island residents one of the highest rates in the state for use of the water system he forced us all to hook up to. I have a very real and deep concern as to what my personal cost will be if forced to convert from septic to a sewer system managed by Mr. Boyer. I live on a very limited budget and my full time job is taking care of my 95 year old parents who first arrived on the island in 1968 and who still live here (Charles NeSmith - 8078 Grand Ave.). I would not only be responsible for replacing my septic system but my parents as well. That means double the initial and ongoing costs which is quite considerable.
3. Another major concern I have is if/when power on the island goes out for an extended period of time. This could be an absolute disaster for the environment! This reason alone should be enough to warrant waiting until a truly perfect solution can be put into place.
4. There is lush and beautiful landscaping all around my septic field and the thought of the destruction entailed if this effort gets approved is very upsetting.
5. I understand there is not a 'pay-over-time' option which would mean taking out loans that I cannot afford in order to pay for the new system(s).
6. The fact that there is no grandfathering of septic systems that are working perfectly and have been working perfectly is another concern.
7. The fact that there would be no one overseeing the project is yet another major concern. What options would we have in the event of significant issues arising?
8. What happens if we become completely reliant on this system and a tornado or other catastrophic event causes the system to be destroyed or incapacitated in an extended way?
9. I also have a real fear of running massive amounts of sewage across the bay. What if there is a leak or rupture? I can't even imagine how horrible the impact would be.
10. I'm also very concerned that if LGI has a sewer system, then the next step will be for large development efforts to get underway. LGI is an extremely special and fragile environment and must be protected.
11. Loss of habitat is already running rampant on the mainland. I'm asking you to please, from the most sincerest aspect of my soul, keep the island protected. Send an army out, if you want, to ensure that all of the septic systems are working perfectly but please do not let this wastewater goal of EU gain traction.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer & Orgain McCullough

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