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**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:49 AM  
**To:** 'W COOPER'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning W. Ernest and Sheryl S. Cooper,

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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April 24, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

Regarding Docket #20240032-SU

I am opposed to a central wastewater sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), as I do not see any proven need for one. I am requesting the Florida Public Service Commission deny Environmental Utilities, LLC's application to install and operate a central wastewater sewer system on LGI.

I have owned my home on the island since 1976 and have always had a reliable septic tank and drain field. I have not requested sewer service and do not see the need for this service on LGI. We are not permanent residents on the Island, however, we and our family are frequent visitors to our home on the Island. We have raised our children and now have grandchildren and great-grandchildren that enjoy spending quality family time on LGI.

I am very concerned that the Environmental Utilities (EU) is a private, for-profit entity and they lack prior experience in owning and operating a wastewater utility. We have heard that the initial cost for connecting to the system would be at least \$20,000+ per household. There would be additional costs associated with having septic tank and drain field removed, and excessive monthly costs thereafter. This is ludicrous and not affordable to a private homeowner who is retired, on a fixed income, and did not ask for this service.

We strongly oppose the approval of Environmental Utilities (EU) application for original certificate of authorization and initial rates and charges for wastewater service.

**Please DO NOT approve this application.**

Respectfully,

W. Ernest and Sheryl S. Cooper

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