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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:34 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032
Attachments: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032 - SU - Martin and Janet Mueller - Interested Party LGI Property Owners; Docket # 20240032-SU; Opposition to Application for Original Certificate of Authorization and Initial Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: jordan schlandt <jschlandt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:08 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

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To whom it may concern,

My wife and I are owners and full-time residents of Little Gasparilla Island. We absolutely oppose the proposed low pressure "sewer" system and the idea that Jack Boyer and company and his greed should be allowed to be mandated to us. I have worked on pumping systems for over 20 years and have spent a lot of time in leachate pumping, transfer stations, lift stations, and the plumbing, pumps, motors, and controls for these systems. This system is a terrible idea for our island. It will not have the manpower, cost effectiveness, redundancies, oversight, or common sense for this specific place. I cannot even believe that after Ian and a lack of power for weeks this is still even in question, not only that, reliable systems in this environment and labor are incredibly expensive and a lot of that will go to Jack's wallet and unproportionally benefit him to an obscene amount. The county and state continue to mandate extremely expensive private industries and geographical monopolies and that in itself is simply anti-American and anti-free market. The county and state do little more than take our taxes and mandate private industry to us. We have no mainland parking, boat ramps, trash or any service that should be provided by our tax dollars, yet here we are arguing about another obscene mandate to truly only benefit 1 company and leave the homeowners with a massive bill, a bad system, and more destruction on our fragile island.
Jordan and Amy Schlandt

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From: Martin Mueller <martinmueller07@gmail.com>
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To: Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
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CC: Environmental Utilities Counsel
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Re: Docket #20240032-SU (open) - Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC.

Dear Florida Public Service Commission members:

I am writing to you, as a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island, to express my concerns regarding the application referenced above submitted for your consideration by Environmental Utilities, state my objections to their application and urge you to deny their request.

I have 35 years' experience with government funded utility infrastructure projects. I am not sure how a proposed project of this scope would be considered without a more thorough process.

I have the following concerns regarding the current scenario:

- No notice to concerned parties

As a property owner on Little Gasparilla I did not receive a notice as to this proposed project.

- No Need

As an Owner of a condominium unit at Hideaway Bay Beach Club I am not aware there is a need for this project for our association. We have a functioning, reliable sewage treatment plant that is managed by an experienced and licensed service provider on a regular basis.

- Lack of petitioner sewage license or experience

I am not aware that Environmental Utilities has a license or any expertise in Sewage treatment management.

- Not fair and Equitable proposed fees

The proposed fees would make the sewage treatment expenses the highest in the state of Florida for a service we do not need.

Please let me know how I can be added to the notifications list related to these proceedings.

Thank you in advance.

Martin and Janet Mueller

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Hideaway Bay Beach Condominium

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From: Louise Volpe <loubreez570@gmail.com>
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To: Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham
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Dear Commissioners:

I, Louise Volpe, am the owner of property on Little Gasparilla Island within the proposed service area for Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) application to provide wastewater service. My properties are located at 9842 Little Gasparilla Island and 9848 Little Gasparilla Island.

I am writing to object and oppose this APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION AND INITIAL RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE (the Application). I request that you DENY the Application. The Application does not demonstrate sufficient need for service, and the application and service are not in the public interest.

My family has owned property on Little Gasparilla Island since 1963. Like me, many of the homeowners have held property on LGI for decades. I have installed a private septic system at significant personal expense, and maintain this system in good operation. Eliminating the raised drain field will not provide an environmental benefit. And the risk of environmental hazard from the low-pressure system outweighs any potential benefit from the system.

The Application has not provided sufficient demonstration of need for the proposed service. The applicant has not received any approvals from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Application relies on general statements about removal of septic systems on barrier islands as the basis for need for service. It references service needs for failing systems and septic to sewer conversions as a basis for need. However, this is irrelevant because the proposed low-pressure system does not remove septic systems. If systems are in failure, the low pressure system will not cure those defects. Further, in the event of power loss (which occurs often on LGI) the low pressure system could fail causing back-ups and septic failures and resulting in increased environmental risk. In short, the justification for the application need is unrelated to the proposed system and irrelevant. The Application does not demonstrate need.

The proposed low pressure sewer system would be overly burdensome on the homeowners of Little Gasparilla Island. The proposed connection fees (over \$13,000) and proposed rates of over \$250/month are extremely high and a financial burden to many of the owners. These onerous rates would be among the highest in the state and cause an extreme hardship on many of the owners.

I stand with many of my neighbors in opposing this Application. It would not provide the intended benefit and the costs surely outweigh any anticipated benefit. The only one that stands to benefit is the utility owner. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We respectfully request that you DENY the Application.

Sincerely,

Louise Volpe

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