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**From:** Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:21 PM  
**To:** 'Eric Buffkin'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Application for Original Wastewater Certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities LLC, Docket 20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Eric Buffkin.

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.

Thank you!

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Dear Commissioners,

As a lifelong Florida resident and property owner at Hideaway Bay Beach Club on Little Gasparilla Island who would be significantly affected by the requested Certificate, I encourage you to reject this application for the following reasons:

- the need for the public system has not been established
- there has been no demonstration that the current wastewater treatment has materially contributed to any pollution

- the applicant has not demonstrated it possesses the financial, technical, or operational experience or expertise to realize, operate, or maintain such a system
- there is no clear understanding of the timing or the cost affected property owners will incur if such a system is installed.

Further, our island is yet to fully recover from Hurricane Ian. It is hardly an understatement to say it was the most destructive event to affect the island in most of our lifetimes. It is useful to note that even with the widespread damage, there was no significant pollution released.

I appreciate the Commission's dedication to serving the citizens of our State.

Sincerely,  
Eric

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