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Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 1:45 PM
To: 'Kari Harju'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20240032-SU, Environmental Utilities

Good Afternoon, Steven and KarAnne Harju.

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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To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding Docket No. 20240032-SU
Certificate of Application For Wastewater Service In Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities

We are writing this email to strongly oppose Environmental Utilities (EU) providing waste water service to Little Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County, we are homeowners on the island at Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condos.

EU was denied a similar application two years ago, my question is what has changed? Other than the devastation incurred by hurricane Ian, which at Hideaway Bay Beach Club we have not started the rebuild process.

Another question would be what expertise does EU claim to have in building and maintaining a waste water service? Have the easements been established? To hook up to the sewer which would be required within 1 year at an estimated cost of \$13,000 per home seems excessive.

The sewer system would only remove waste water and not solids, which would need to be pumped out at the owner's expense. What other waste system in the state only does the waste water? And the proposed quarterly cost would be the highest in the state of Florida and a burden to all the owners.

As proposed, if the electric goes out there is only a 6 hour window to get the system back up and running, needing to have back-up generators at whose cost? and who will be on the island to monitor this?

Previously our association was considered its own utility since we have a working septic system, which is maintained by a class A company, NES. This time it is proposed that our septic be converted to a lifting station which would result in having to decommission the current septic system for a price tag of around \$1 million dollars. It is just not fair to expect 102 owners to pay this bill. It would be extremely devastating to both our community and island.

For the above reasons and many others that were previously stated 2 years ago, we do not feel it would benefit our small island and would be unjust and not equitable for owners to pay for a system that is simply not needed.

Respectfully submitted,
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