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Good Afternoon, Dwayne and Gena Huebner.

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:

Attached is our letter related to the proposal under Docket# 20240032-SU. We would appreciate your confirmation that this letter is being entered into the docket records.

Regards,

Dwayne and Gena Huebner

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April 26, 2024

Commission Clerk,
Office of Commission Clerk,
Florida Public Service Commission,
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RE: #20240032-SU

Dear Commission Members:

We have been residents of Little Gasparilla Island since 1995 when we purchased our condo unit at Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condo. Our association operates its own batch sewer plant and provides this service to a neighboring association, Placida Beach Club Condo. Together, our 103 units and Placida Beach Club's 30 unit constitutes a significant percentage of the island residents. We are guessing about 20% of Little Gasparilla Island.

Bringing up the sewer utility issue again comes at a time when many residents are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Ian. Our condo unit is still not habitable. Repairs ground to a halt when Citizens Property Insurance Company offered a ridiculously low settlement offer and we have been fighting them ever since. The excessive cost of appraiser and the umpire is not covered by insurance and we will be left to burden the expense on our own. That is on top of the high windstorm deductible on our policy. The possible legal fees that we may have to incur to recover insurance proceeds that we are entitled to could be the straw that breaks the camels back. Now we are faced with very significant costs that will come our way if you move forward with the private sewer utility. We feel that putting this on our backs now is completely uncalled for and insensitive.

We can't say that we are informed on this particular attempt to bring the sewer utility to Little Gasparilla Island. As we said, our home is not habitable and we don't get mail frequently since we have to make a special trip to retrieve our mail. As of two weeks ago, we received no official notification from anyone. As such, we have relied on social media for our information. That source is hardly reliable. Our community needs time to figure out just what is being proposed. We may need legal representation that we haven't put in place yet.

One of the things that we have heard through social media is that the proposed utility company intends to utilize the batch plant existing at Hideaway Bay Beach Club in their system. How can that be when no one has contacted the board that represents our association? Our contact information is filed with the State of Florida Bureau of Condominiums, so it's is easy to find us. How will that benefit us? It doesn't appear that our association will receive any services that we don't already provide for ourselves.

In summary, the timing of this proposal is poor at best. Please relieve us of the battle that would surely come with this proposition. This is not the first time we addressed this type of a project, so we know that it is contentious. Let us rebuild our home and our community and recover from the overwhelming economic consequences that come with the rebuilding process. Our board members are volunteers that have their hands full already without worrying on how to best represent our association in your proceedings. Don't put this back on the docket until the community has a chance to get the facts of the proposal without relying on social media. In blunt terms, please work for the best efforts of our community rather than the business interest of private enterprise. Now is not the time for this proposal!

Best Regards,



Dwayne & Gena Huebner

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