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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:43 AM
To: 'Rick Jenkins'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: LGI Serer System

Good morning Richard C. Jenkins,

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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My wife Susan Jenkins and I are homeowners of several properties on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) which is in the proposed service area in Environmental Utilities (EU) central sewer proposal.

We formally request that the PSC deny EU's application for original certification of authorization for this proposed central sewer system.

We strongly object to EUs proposal and application for certification. We request an administrative hearing be held before a ruling on the application. We also request status as a Party of Record so that we can participate in legal proceedings.

We as homeowners do not need this service or request this service.

We have many concerns regarding this proposal and have been homeowners of LGI for more than 20 years.

-First and foremost we invested in our current septic system which has served us very well throughout the years. This new proposed system is not needed and very expensive and adds additional burden for us as homeowners. Our original septic system that we were forced to install in 2006 is the aerator system that requires yearly service and fees to the Heath department of Charlotte County. We have used this system all this time and were forced to spend \$23,000.00 in 2006 when a normal septic system cost \$12,000.00 After all this time of spending extra money on a septic system, we are not willing to spend another exorbitant amount of money on a different system that does not meet our needs. We are in our 60's and close to retirement and can't afford this new system.

-It is our understanding that the connection charge of this system is estimated between \$13,000 to \$20,000 per homeowner and additional cost quarterly estimated at nearly \$200. An electric panel separate from our home will also be needed with additional cost.

-We as the homeowner will also need to invest in a generator to avoid sewage back up in the event of power outages. This is very concerning as power outages occur frequently on our island. Also, Hurricane Ian in 2022 was devastating for our island. We are still recovering from this major hurricane with our home still in repair.

-Another concern is that we have current dealings with this owner through Little Gasparilla Water and there are constant issues and unnecessary costs with monthly base fees of over \$200 per household plus usage.

We thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and urge you to deny EU's application.

Sincerely,

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