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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2024 12:49 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032  
**Attachments:** Message from Frank Guagliardo regarding Docket# 20240032-SU; Docket 20240032-SU; Docket# 20240032-SU; Docket No. 20240032-SU, Environmental Utilities; Fwd: Docket# 20240032-SU; Application for Original Wastewater Certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities LLC, Docket 20240032-SU; Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Re: Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; RE: Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

Betty A. Leland, Executive Assistant to  
Commissioner Art Graham  
Florida Public Service Commission  
bleland@psc.state.fl.us  
(850) 413-6024

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**From:** Joann Giglio-Guagliardo <jguag@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 3:14 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Message from Frank Guagliardo regarding Docket# 20240032-SU

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> Good afternoon,  
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> I, Frank Guagliardo, and my wife Joann are homeowners of several properties on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) which is in the proposed service area in Environmental Utilities (EU) central sewer proposal.  
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> We formally request that the PSC deny EU's application for original certification of authorization for this proposed central sewer system.  
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> 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.  
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> We as homeowners do not need this service or request this service.  
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> -It is our understanding that the connection charge of this system is estimated between \$13,000 to \$20,000 per homeowner and monthly cost estimated at nearly \$200. An electric panel separate from our home will also be needed with additional cost.  
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> -Another concern is that we have current dealings with this owner through Little Gasparilla Water and there are constant issues and unnecessary costs with extremely high base fees as well as usage fees.  
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> We thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and urge you to deny EU's application.  
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> Sincerely,  
> Frank Guagliardo

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**From:** Kathleen Waltz <kwaltzjim@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:52 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket 20240032-SU

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I am a resident owner of 25 years on Little Gasparilla Island. I have a home at Hideaway Bay Beach Club. My career of over 25 years was in industrial water treatment for Nalco Chemical. I had many wastewater treatment plant accounts.

HBBC maintains our own wastewater plant with a Florida licensed treatment plant operation company.

In addition to not needing the plant it would be a significant cost to HBBC residents at a time when we are struggling with ongoing hurricane Ian repairs/expenses. My business experience included work on "decommissioning" waste plants. The related costs can run into millions of dollars. There will also be "tie-in" fees.

I'm totally against the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Please register my objection. Please confirm receipt of my objection.

Kathleen Waltz  
(412) 262-0758  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** gasparillaville <gasparillaville@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket# 20240032-SU  
**Attachments:** Letter to Public Service Commission.pdf

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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  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit C4

Dwayne & Gena Huebner  
PO Box 323  
Placida, FL 33946

April 26, 2024

Commission Clerk,  
Office of Commission Clerk,  
Florida Public Service Commission,  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd,  
Tallahassee, FL 32801

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

CC:

Mfriedman@deanmead.com or  
Martin s. Friedman, Esquire Dean Mead  
420 s. Orange Ave. Suite 700  
Orlando, FL. 32801



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**From:** Kari Harju <karanne.harju@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:41 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Cc:** Mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20240032-SU, Environmental Utilities

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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,  
Steven and KarAnne Harju  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit C1  
Placida< FL 33046  
612-240-2177

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**From:** Joann Giglio-Guagliardo <jguag@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:38 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Fwd: Docket# 20240032-SU

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Good afternoon,

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-Another concern is that we have current dealings with this owner through Little Gasparilla Water and there are constant issues and unnecessary costs with extremely high base fees as well as usage fees.

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

Sincerely,  
Joann Guagliardo



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**From:** Eric Buffkin <eric@buffkin.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:13 PM  
**To:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Application for Original Wastewater Certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities LLC, Docket 20240032-SU

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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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Eric Buffkin  
Hideaway Bay Beach Club  
Unit A-6  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island  
Placida, FL 33946

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**From:** agorgei73@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:50 AM  
**To:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island

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Dear Commissioners- I am an owner on Little Gasparilla Island and am formally objecting to the sewer proposal and request that PSC deny the application for original certificate of authorization for Environmental Utilities LLC (EU) for a central sewer system for all islands named in the subject line. I am not against sewer being brought to the island, however do not believe that it should be at the financial gain of a single individual or company. As a tax paying citizen of Charlotte County, I demand to be treated as any other citizen and feel it is my and all other tax paying citizens of these islands to not be gouged for basic services, as we currently are being with our water supply and will be with the proposed sewer system being owned by EU!

To provide you with some insight on the unfair treatment of these islands, let me share with you some facts about the current water system that is single handedly making the owners of LGIWU rich...simply by supplying these islands with water! Since Hurricane Ian, we have been unable to use or access our home for nearly 2 years. Therefore have used ZERO water, however for the last two years I have received a bill from Little Gasparilla Water Utility for approximately \$250 on a quarterly basis!!! That's \$83 a month for NOTHING, or as Jack Boyer states 'to cover his administrative fees'. Can I ask you what a mainland tax payer pays in administration fees for there water? I'm sure it's nowhere near \$83 a month!

The above serves as an example as to why our islands should not be subject to any further unfair treatment of setting up a private monopoly to gouge it's residents, just to supply our island with the basic essentials!! If Charlotte county wants us to have sewer, they should provide it to us, just like any other resident and not outsource it to a private entity who will receive significant personal financial gains!!

Thank you!  
Angela & David Gorgei  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island #D7  
Placida, FL 33946  
813-263-8210

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**From:** Caron Hoffman <choffman40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:23 AM  
**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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I am writing to firmly request that you DENY the EU's application for wastewater service. We do not want a private for profit company without experience servicing our area. We do not want the associated expense and have NO problem with the system we use now. WE, the island owners, are NOT asking for sewers on our island that may disrupt our way of life. We do not want this change and do not want to be forced into something that we don't want that will cause us financial hardship. I own two properties on the island and the financial hardship would be devastating.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE deny their application. "If it 'aint broke, don't fix it"

Thank you for your consideration.  
Caron Hoffman  
1829 Wildberry Drive, Unit H  
Glenview, IL 60025

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**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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Could I get a proof of receipt that you received the above email letter?  
Thank you, Will and Keelan Armstrong

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:01:35 AM  
**To:** clerk@psc.state.fl.us <clerk@psc.state.fl.us>; mfriedman@deanmead.com <mfriedman@deanmead.com>  
**Cc:** Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

I am a homeowner at Hideaway Bay Beach Club, 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit K1, Placida, FL 33946 on Little Gasparilla Island, Charlotte County, Florida. We currently have on onsite septic system for all of the 102 owners here at Hideaway Bay that we pay for with our quarterly assessments. We paid extra money out of our homeowners funds to repair/clean out the septic system after Hurricane Ian. Our system abides by any environmental codes and works well for us here at Hideaway Bay. We certainly don't need to pay any extra for a new low pressure system that may end up having or creating a whole new set of problems/fixes it may need. Please don't allow this new system to be put in place on our little island which seems to be functioning just fine as we are.

Thank you, Will and Keelan Armstrong (keearm@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:02 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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Thank you, Will and Keelan Armstrong (keearm@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Georgiana Sinnett <georgiana.sinnett@compass.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 10:01 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

My husband Scott and I are new homeowners on the island at 431 Bocilla. We have been a part of the island for 20+ years. We owned a home on island approximately 15 years ago. The island has drawn us back again. We have never had issues with the septic system in our previous island home. Our home in Illinois for 38 years, was on septic with never an issue. We are not new to the septic process and do not feel the new proposed sewer system is needed. The expense involved is unnecessary and the unmonitored installation of the systems, abandoning of my current system, the lack of control or oversight of a private FOR PROFIT entity is nothing that we would like to be involved in.

We are recently retired and this is an expense that we do not wish to entertain along with the fact that the actual costs and expenses are completely unknown for us as the homeowner.

With the overwhelming lack of support from the residents that actually live on the island, it is unimaginable that the same proposal is to be forced upon the residents again.

Along with being forced unnecessarily into an expensive legal battle that has never had support from the major population on the island.

There are too many unknown factors to blindly move forward with this proposal.

We emphatically are NOT in support of EU's proposal!!

We appreciate you hearing our concerns and supporting the community voice over the ONE.

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Scott and Georgiana Sinnett

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**From:** Hankin Family <dhankin@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:27 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
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**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

We are writing to you to let you know that we oppose the approval of the application by EU, LLC to install and manage the sewer project on the barrier island chain in southwest Florida which would encompass the islands of Palm Island, Don Pedro Island, and Little Gasparilla Island. For the record, we are owners on Little Gasparilla Island. Our opposition starts with the previously and often stated arguments of:

**-Need for Service.** There has been no evidence provided that supports a need for service in the proposed service area. Expert witnesses at the last Administrative Hearing refuted the arguments that EU put forward supporting the need for service.

**-Environmental.** No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.

**-Providing utilities is the way local government promotes high-density development.** Our barrier islands are in a Rural Service Area. The Charlotte County Comp Plan mandates on-site septic systems for the Rural Service Area. Now they are insisting that the Comp Plan prohibits the County from installing central sewer, but not a privately owned utility.

**-We would be forced to give up our private property rights for free.** You will be forced to give up easement rights across your property without compensation.

**-Traffic Congestion.** The combination of post-storm rebuilds, new home construction, and tourist traffic during season has made wait lines at the ferry both unpredictable and outrageous. Now, consider the heavy equipment and materials transport needed to construct an island-wide central sewer system. And how long it will take to build.

**-The Costs.** The costs of central sewer are quite considerable at a very bad time for Islanders. Many are still engaged with fighting their insurance companies for settlements



from Hurricane Ian and have had to lay out large sums for their re-builds while they wait for compensation. Some owners have just paid deep-pocket sums to install new septic systems at their newly built or re-built homes. Many property owners simply do not have the resources available to convert from septic to sewer.

Additionally, there are other concerns:

Has this system, which is designed for single dwelling use and has one tank per lot, been successfully deployed on a much larger scale? What were the results?

The person behind EU, LLC, is also the person behind the Little Gasparilla Water Company. We have grave concerns of one individual having majority control/power over our utilities. The current water company is not very responsive to service requests and I fear the same will happen with the sewer company if owned and operated by same individual.

A bigger concern of ours is the current lack of routine testing of water quality in relation to septic tank waste and the absence of ongoing septic system inspections beyond the initial permitting and installation inspection.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
David and Joellie Hankin  
Little Gasparilla Island homeowners

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