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Subject: FW: IN RE: Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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My dad and I own 2 properties on LGI. We have been coming to the island since 1978, when I was 7 years old. I come to the island at least 25 times per year. I can tell you unequivocally that the water quality in the Gulf and the Bay has dramatically worsened since 1978, and especially in the last 10 to 12 years as the island has become a rental hotspot. These rentals have lots of people cramming into a house which results in more than normal use of the septic systems. I can also tell you that undoubtedly, most of the septic tanks on the island have not been properly maintained and are not in good working order, only exacerbating the sewage seeping into our waterways.

And in reading a lot of the correspondence, seems when you read between the lines that the main issue is the cost to convert from septic to sewer and also the monthly fee, and I get that. I would bet though that if surveys were done of everyone's septic systems, that most of them would probably incur at least if not more the cost to connect to the sewer system to bring their septic system into good working order, which for many may involve replacement and digging out a new drain field.

And admittedly, when the issue of having to convert from well water systems to central water came up, I was against it because of the cost. Now fast forward and we are on central water, I was wrong to

oppose it. It has been so much better to be on central water than a well system. The same will be true for septic versus sewer system.

There is definitely a need for a sewer system, and we are requesting that Environmental Utilities' application be approved. I have seen firsthand the deterioration of the water quality in the 45 years that I have been on the island.

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