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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:21 PM
To: 'Jaynee Grace'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Please include the attached letter in docket number 20240032

Good Afternoon, Jaynee Grace.

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!

Toni Hover

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May 5, 2024

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FROM:

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Dear Public Service Commission

Please include this letter of comment into Docket #20240032-SU

My name is Jaynee Kelsey and my family have been owners on Little Gasparilla Island for over 50 years at 9798 Little Gasparilla Island. I am a lover of aquatic nature and believe in the preservation of our natural aquatic environment.

I am requesting the Public Service Commission deny the application to Environmental Utilities, a Private Sewer Monopoly, because the applicant has not demonstrated that the environmental concerns will be addressed by implementation of this system; therefore, this application should be denied.”

THIS PROPOSED SYSTEM IS MORE DANGEROUS TO THE ENVIROMENT THAN SEPTIC TANKS!! The Charlotte County Sewer Master Plan (CCSMP) calls for the removal of septic tanks yet the proposed system in this application only removes the drain field and not the actual septic tank. In paragraph 4.4 on page 4-12 of the CCSMP prepared by Jones Edmunds compares three types of central sewer systems, 1. Low Pressure, 2. Gravity, 3. Vacuum. The low pressure system being proposed in this application would require a 60psi low pressure underwater line be ran from the barrier island to the mainland county collection point thus crossing the intercoastal waterway. If this low pressure underwater line were to get damaged a pressurized leak would spill sewer water into the bay and if the leak was small enough it might go undetected for years. Environmentally speaking the risk of contamination in this central sewer system

is greater than the use of individual septic tanks. Likewise, if the island was hit again by a major hurricane the risk of a massive sewer spill with a central sewer system is so much greater than the use of individual septic tanks.

In the report prepared by Brian E Lapointe, PHD which was included as back up for the PSC application, on page 9 Mr. Lapointe states: "Although the previous research in Port Charlotte conducted by Florida Atlantic University-Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in 2016 **"DID NOT" include sampling on the barrier islands in Charlotte County...**" This statement is clearly saying no sampling of Little Gasparilla Island or any other adjoining islands has been done thus THIS WHOLE REPORT IS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS AND NOT FACTUAL DATA. It is my understanding that that other sampling has been done more recently than the 2016 report which indicated that there is not an issue with the barrier islands likely due to the very low seasonal occupancy of the vacation home located there.

With great respect,

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