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From: Ellen Plendl
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:32 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032
Attachments: FW: Message from CSBizhub2

See attached customer correspondence for Docket No. 20240032.

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From: Cimmino-Lynn, Martha <Martha.Cimmino-Lynn@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Ellen Plendl; Office of Public Services
Subject: FW: Message from CSBizhub2
Attachments: 1011611-Barney-Outgoing-ccML.pdf; 1011611-BARNEY.pdf

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Please find attached email received and responded to by the Governor's Office of Citizen Services. This email is forwarded to your office for review and any response or action appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

From: CSBizhub2@eog.myflorida.com <CSBizhub2@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:24 AM
To: Cimmino-Lynn, Martha <Martha.Cimmino-Lynn@eog.myflorida.com>
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May 10, 2024

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Cyndy Barney
8654 Wharf Avenue
Placida, Florida 33946

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Barney:

Thank you for contacting Governor Ron DeSantis. We are sorry to hear of your difficulties and appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter.

As you may know, the Public Service Commission is an arm of the legislative branch of government and regulates certain public utilities in Florida. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your letter to PSC to ensure they are aware of your ongoing concerns. If you want to contact PSC directly, please use the information provided below.

To further assist you, I forwarded a copy of your letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for their review to ensure they are aware of your concerns. If you want to contact the Department directly, please use the information provided below.

Thank you again for contacting Governor Ron DeSantis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Lynn".

Martha Lynn
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399
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April 24, 2024

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Cc: Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket #20240032-SU submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission

Dear Governor DeSantis,

My name is Bryan Barney and I am a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island, Florida.

Please excuse the Dramatic tone but we are "UNDER SIEGE" and we are asking for your HELP!

Jack Boyer, owner of the for profit company, Environmental Utilities, has applied for a permit to provide wastewater services for the second time in the last two and a half years. The proposed system, which is a low-pressure waste-water only system, is inadequate for this island. It will leave solids on-site, to be pumped out by Environmental Utilities at our expense at a later date. With the high frequency of power outages, this proposed system would not work since it relies on a mechanical pump powered by electricity.

Jack Boyer also wants us to fund his whole project which will not be eligible for County, State or Federal Grants because it is being done by a private, for-profit entity. There is an estimated \$13,000 for installation per home and an estimate of \$300 + charges every month. I've also heard that the "septic tanks" that EU will use must be replaced approximately every 5 years.

Residents of this area are also experiencing large premium increases for their insurance coverage on top of continuing to pay for repairs from the hurricanes that were not covered by insurance. We can't be expected to pay extra money every month for a sewer system that is not needed, nor wanted. We also shouldn't be forced to have this system installed by someone with "zero" experience.

Let me repeat: we shouldn't be FORCED to have this system installed by Jack Boyer, who has "zero" experience installing a sewer system. He can't take care of the water utility he installed and operates on Little Gasparilla. For example: we have a water valve box on the trail in front of our house. It is raised out of the ground by almost a foot, and is constantly being hit by golf carts. We reported this over two years ago and it still is not resolved although someone showed up shortly after the submission of the wastewater application to get the broken pieces and make it look nice with a new cover ...nothing was done to "fix" it.

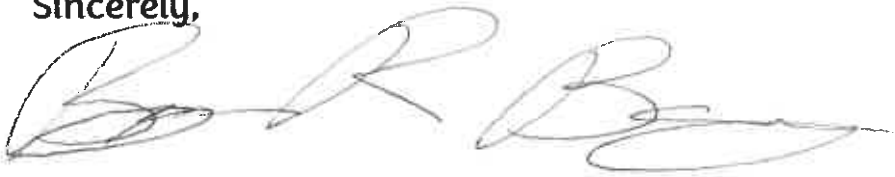
Charlotte County has legislation prohibiting low-pressure systems such as the one currently proposed. The legislation is there to protect the delicate ecosystem of the barrier islands which are still recovering from two hurricanes over the last two years. The removal of the old and installation of the new system such as the one proposed, would be far more detrimental to the flora and fauna that has fought so hard to recover than the benefits of this system.

Governor DeSantis, I'm not sure if you've ever been to Little Gasparilla Island, but I would like to invite you and your family to visit this very small piece of "Old Florida" which we have made our home.

Please do not let someone who says they are doing this for the environment, put us in a position that we may never be able to recover from. The motive of Mr. Boyer is clearly greed and not environmental health.

I thank you for your time in this matter, as I know that you are a very busy man. Once again, please don't let the greed of one man force us to do something that is more detrimental than good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan R. Barney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bryan" being more prominent and the last name "Barney" following in a similar style.

Bryan R. Barney

p.s. I would be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. I can be reached at 614.216.9994 or bsouth42@aol.com

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