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From: makboland@twc.com
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To: Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay
Cc: 'Mike Boland'; jandjadler@aol.com; kadler1976@aol.com; alexandraelizabeth.boland@gmail.com; jlawlor@lwmlegal.com; 'Lisa Lawlor'
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SUjlawlor

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To whom it may concern,

I am the daughter of homeowners (John and Joann Adler) on Palm Island (250 N. Gulf Blvd, 33946) since 1980. My parents also own 231 and 260 N. Guld Blvd. The home/property has an established trust to my sister and me.

On behalf of my family, I am addressing the issue (as my father did in the past) to the idea of Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) putting in a system on Palm Island. This is a “for profit” company which is unacceptable since what is currently in place (septic systems) work for those that maintain them and would be an undue burden on the homeowners that have supported the economy for decades.

One week after Hurricane Ian my husband and I drove from Louisville, KY to the island with a trailer full of supplies (4 generators, chainsaws, a giant cooler with food and cases of water). This island means everything to our family and should you choose to believe the homeowners are able to pay another \$40,000 per lot after the expenses associated with rebuilding from Hurricane Ian that just says you are not interested in the value of the commodity of those willing to pitch in on the island. In our case this would cost us is \$120,000. We support local companies with reconstruction of our property, restaurants, Ace Hardware, Publix; those were the first four that came to mind and I could go on I am not citing the names of those they really benefited from Hurricane Ian, which included construction, landscaping, and roof replacement; we paid out of pocket and we paid our bills on time (and have loans).

We already invested over \$300K for repairs from Hurricane Ian. We are asking that you have some mercy and at least to postpone this until we have time to recover. We are paying loans off for the emergency money we needed to restore our family’s home that my father built in 1980.

My husband, (Michael Boland) owns industrial engineering distribution companies that manage the southeast (including Kentucky/Indiana/ Tennessee/Georgia,/Alabama/Florida) that sell a multitude of pneumatics and pumps including those to wastewater plants. He works on project

like these. He works with the core of engineers in the state of KY on the Ohio River Valley. He understands the fragility of the environment.

- i. Being at sea level will not only create a significant danger due to a breakage and more deterioration to a line thus creating more expense to repair/replace for the home owner. In some cities there are insurance policies for protection but we have seen how those have played out over Hurricane Ian. Long and short you are increasing more risk to the homeowner than necessary.
- ii. Septic systems are also environmentally good when properly maintained. Septic systems require far less infrastructure than city sewers. They use less energy than municipal treatment plants and very rarely rely on chemicals to remove wastewater pollutants. Septic systems are systems designed to conserve the local water supplies in an environment like Palm Island and Don Pedro Island. Moreover, septic systems create a groundwater effect that reinvigorates the soil and vegetation water supply.

Lastly, but most importantly, on Palm Island there is a contingent of my family members and friends who enjoy our time there and contribute to the local economy and the majority of them are residents of Charlotte County. I spent every summer there from 1981-1989; and then went to college, got married and bought my children there. My youngest daughter 20 is now vacationing there with her boyfriend (and they have helped with some Ian clean up). My cousins and I swam in canals, found red snakes in our little blow-up boat, saw the beached whale, and bobcats, saw the resort being built and made friends.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Adler Boland

BCC:

Kerry Adler (daughter of John and JoAnn Adler)

Michael A. Boland (my son in law; President/Owner Eagle Investment Partners; DBA Republic Pneumatics/Eagle Flow Solutions-cited in this letter who works with wastewater treatment plants)

Cassie Ator (sister of John Adler and sister-in-law of JoAnn Adler)

Wayne Ator (Brother-in-law of John and JoAnn Adler)

Cassie Ann Ator McDowell (niece of John and JoAnn Adler)

Dale McDowell (“nephew in law”; husband of Cassie Ann Ator McDowell)

Lisa Steinberg Lawlor (Neice of John and JoAnn Adler/cousins to Kathleen and Kerry)

John Lawlor (“nephew in law”; husband of Lisa Steinberg Lawlor)

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From: Vernon Murphy <vernon.murphymd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2024 5:16 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
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From: **Vernon Murphy** <vernon.murphymd@gmail.com>
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I'm writing this email to express the most vigorous objection to the proposed sewage system on our precious Little Gasparilla Island. My reasons are enumerable. Below are only a few reasons for our objections.

One – Such a system is an environmental catastrophe in the making . Placing a large bore PVC pipe underground would not only destroy the habitat of our hundreds of gopher turtles, as well as our flora and fauna , but being constructed with PVC, the possibility of leaks at joints by far exceeds the risk of any significant potential leaks from our current septic tanks. Obviously, the current pollution in Charlotte Harbor is the result of the confluence of contaminated water from the Peace and Myakka rivers, rather than our tiny little barrier island.

Two – The potential health concerns related to the use of polyvinyl chloride since it is a known carcinogen related to angiosarcoma.

Three- Such a system would cause an extreme financial burden on the homeowners of LGI. The newer homes on our island have already spent between \$20,000 to \$30,000 on their current septic system. In addition, the hook up fee is likely to exceed \$20,000-\$30,000 as well as unforeseen costs. This is untenable since we have the cost associated with rebuilding resulting from Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Irma and our most recent tropical storm, Debby.

Four-This will be a private rather than a public endeavor. As such, services will be exclusively at the whim of EU as is our current water system. Our current water pressure is sub optimal and the cost of the water approaches or exceeds our electric bills being one of the most costly, if not the most costly water system in the state. Only recently, we had an increase in the cost of water, and we were notified several days after the increase went into effect.

Five-It is likely that this will impede our ability to get from one end of the island to the other to meet with friends or family since our only mode of transportation is via golf cart. We have a single road leading from

north to south which would doubtlessly be involved in this construction. Making new roads is not an option and this would also destroy habitat.

In conclusion, our home on LGI was to be the legacy that my wife and I could leave to our children and grandchildren. Considering the state of the economy, this would place a financial burden upon them with sewer and water bills exceeding \$500 to \$600 per month. As well the financial burden placed on my wife and I considering our Social Security income.

We chose this location because of the remoteness, beauty, and sense of community that we have established over the years.

Our Islanders are aggressively pursuing avenues which will assure that the Bay waters on the east side of our island as well as the westerly Gulf waters remain pristine. Ecologically, this island is a jewel which cannot be re-created when destroyed. Nature will have its way in the future but mankind will certainly expedite this occurrence. We should always strive to keep this habitat as undisturbed as possible and EU's sewage system would cause massive disruption in our islands natural evolution.

We are,

Vernon Murphy, MD and Kathi Murphy
8070 Grand Ave.
Little Gasparilla Island, Florida