#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

### NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Environmental Utilities, LLC, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing the Affidavit of Mailing of the Notice of Hearings which is attached hereto to all property owners in the proposed service area.

Respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, by:

Dean Mead 420 S. Orange Ave., Suite 700 Orlando, Florida 32801 Direct Telephone: (407) 310-2077 Facsimile: (407) 423-1831

/s/ Martin S. Friedman
Martin S. Friedman

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail to the following parties this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025:

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/s/ Martin S. Friedman
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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SOLASOTA

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Lisa Boyle of The Olde Englewood Mailing Co., who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that on behalf of Environmental Utilities, LLC. ("Utility"), on January 2025, she did mail a copy of the Hearing Notice, attached hereto, to all of the property owners in the proposed service area.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Print Name: Lisa Boyle

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of [ physical presence or [ ] online notarization, this /3 day of January, 2025, by Lisa Boyle, who is personally known to me or has  $\square$  produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Print Name:
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My Commission Expires:



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#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO

#### ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, LLC

#### ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

AND

#### ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICE IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY BY ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, LLC

ISSUED: JANUARY 13, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold customer service and technical hearings in the above docket on the application for a wastewater certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC. ("Utility"). The customer service hearings will commence at the times and location shown below and will continue until all witnesses have been heard. Customers may register to speak at the in-person service hearings upon arrival at the venue. Members of the public who wish to present testimony are urged to appear promptly at the scheduled customer service hearing times because the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850) 413-7080.

The date, time and location of the hearings are:

#### **Technical Hearing**

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025 Tringali Park Recreation Center 3460 North Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224

#### **Customer Service Hearings**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025

and

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, and January 30, 2025, have also been reserved for continuation of the technical hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all the testimony is concluded.

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#### COMPANY OVERVIEW - ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, LLC

Environmental Utilities, LLC filed an application, with the Florida Public Service Commission, for an original wastewater certificate in Charlotte County. The Utility is seeking to provide central sewer service to the residents of the barrier islands of Little Gasparilla, Don Pedro, and Knight, which are currently served by septic tanks, with the exception of parts of Knight Island which are served by a central sewer system. The proposed service territory includes an estimated 810 existing equivalent residential connections (ERCs), and 438 potential future ERCs, for a total of 1,248 ERCs at buildout. The Utility intends to begin serving customers in 2027.

#### **HEARINGS - PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE**

Prospective customers of the Utility and other interested persons will be given an opportunity to present testimony. The purpose of the customer service and technical hearings shall be to take testimony, including from prospective customers, on the Utility's application for a wastewater certificate in Charlotte County. The procedure at these hearings shall be as follows: Any pending motions will first be addressed at the technical hearing, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on January 28, 2025, and then all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on issues identified at the prehearing conference held on January 23, 2025. At the customer service hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m., on January 28, 2025, and the morning session beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday January 29, 2025, members of the public may present testimony on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference. At the conclusion of the prospective customers' testimony, the technical hearing will resume. All testimony shall be under oath, and witnesses shall be subject to cross examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Any property owners may also provide written comments regarding the Utility's prospective service or the proposed rates and charges requested in this docket. Any such written comments should be addressed to the Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and should identify the docket number assigned to this proceeding.

On January 28 – 30, 2025, the PSC will also conduct a technical hearing to allow the Utility and other parties to the proceeding to present testimony and relevant evidence regarding the application. To watch either the customer service hearings or the technical hearing live, visit floridapsc.com and look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call 1-850-413-7999 to listen to the hearings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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The purpose of the technical hearing is to consider the application of Environmental Utilities, LLC for a wastewater certificate in Charlotte County and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement. At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues that are identified at the Prehearing Conference to be held on January 23, 2025. All testimony shall be under oath and all witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

#### **JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction over this Utility is vested in the Commission by Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. Authority to approve a new wastewater certificate is governed by Section 367.045, Florida Statutes. The provisions of Chapters 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, are also applicable.

#### RESOURCES

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

An overview of the rate request is available at floridapsc.com/Publications/RateCaseOverviews and copies of the complete filing are available by calling the PSC at 1-840-413-7080 or by searching online at www.floridapsc.com

If you would like to share your comments with the PSC regarding the proposed changes in rates, please choose one or more of the following options:

- 1) Participate in any of the customer hearings, as described above;
- 2) Email the PSC at clerk@psc.state.fl.us (please include reference to Docket No. 20240032-SU);
- 3) Write to the PSC at the following address (please include reference to Docket No. 20240032-SU):

Office of the Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850