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Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 8:11 AM
To: 'mstrashinsky@optonline.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No 20240032-WS Waste water Service in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC

Good Morning,

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.

Jenae Thornberry

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To Florida PSC, I am the home owner of 9140 Carter Street, lot 6 on Little Gasparilla Island. I am in the process of building a home on the lot and time and time again I have advised my contractor that I would prefer to wait and have a wastewater sewer service rather than a septic system.

My wife and I recently toured LGI after the hurricanes and the storm surge unearthed many septic systems, one of which was cracked in half and was half buried in the oceans surf. The environmental damage from all these septic systems being unearthed, broken open with human waste spewing about the island, beach and ocean cannot be underestimated. Not only that, how many times will we allow the continued use of septic systems to damage the environment. In the years to come there will be more hurricanes that will do the same damage and these repeated events will both continue to damage the environment and increase homeowners' cost of replacing damaged septic systems. Septic systems are not a sustainable solution because hurricanes are natural and continuing occurrence and there is no protection of these septic systems from storm surges which is evident from evaluating the damage from the recent hurricanes.

In addition, it would appear quite easy to assess that a waste water sewer system is more economical for the homeowners. I don't have a septic system installed yet to know the true cost but a good guess is anywhere from \$30k to \$60K. In addition, they have a limited lifespan and will have to be replaced increasing a homeowners cost over the life of owning the home. The proposed cost per home of an estimated \$18,000 is much more economical.

I am not an environmental expert to determine whether a wastewater sewer system is more secure and protected from hurricane damage but I'm sure engineers and the PSC's due diligence will thoroughly evaluate that before approving the project. Assuming it is more secure and protected, it would appear that it would be better for the environment.

For the reason noted above, I strongly support approval of this Application for Certificate to Provide Wastewater Services in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC.

Sincerely,

Michael Strashinsky

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