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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:24 AM
To: 'Scott Daley'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket No. 20240032-SU Letter of Objection

Good Morning, Scott Daley.

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!

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Scott Daley
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1/21/2025

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Wastewater System Docket No. 20240032-SU

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to formally object to the Environmental Utility's proposed wastewater system for Little Gasparilla Island. As a concerned property owner, I believe this project is unnecessary and represents a misuse of resources that prioritizes self-serving interests over the community's welfare. My objections are based on the following key points:

1. The Project Is Misdirected

There is no clear evidence that the current wastewater infrastructure (individual septic systems), if properly managed, is inadequate or incapable of meeting environmental and community needs. Without a demonstrated necessity, this project appears to be an unjustified expenditure of private funds and resources. The real failure here is county government and its historical inability or unwillingness to provide proper oversight of sewage treatment on Little Gasparilla Island. A properly maintained private septic system is an adequate way to handle raw sewage and they are used throughout the country. County government needs to implement and enforce policies and procedures which would ensure current and future septic systems remain in compliance.

2. Financial Exploitation of Residents

The proposed project imposes an excessive financial burden on the community, raising concerns about potential "fleecing." This raises questions about who truly benefits from the project and whether the costs are being unfairly passed on to residents. If the current proposal passes, Environmental Utilities(EU) stands to acquire land, equipment and buildings, all of which would be purchased by landowners on Little Gasparilla Island(LGI). These acquisitions would then land on the balance sheet of EU.

3. Self-Serving Motivations

It is troubling that the project appears to prioritize the interests of EU rather than addressing genuine community needs. This raises concerns about conflicts of interest and whether the project is being pursued for the benefit of a select few rather than the broader public. The forced procurement of millions of dollars from landowners to fund EU's startup operation is nearly criminal in my opinion.

4. Environmental and Social Implications

Aside from being unnecessary, the proposed project risks causing environmental harm and disrupting the lives of residents during construction and operation. These risks are unacceptable, particularly when the justification for the project remains unproven.

I strongly urge the Florida Public Service Commission to reconsider this project and ensure that the concerns of residents are taken seriously. At a minimum, I request:

- A detailed justification for the project's necessity.
- A transparent breakdown of costs and funding sources.
- A comprehensive environmental impact assessment.
- At a minimum, a guaranteed cap on cost to each homeowner if the proposal were to pass.

This proposal should be tabled unless and until it can be proven that it is truly necessary, cost-effective, and in the best interest of the community and the environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope that more responsible and transparent decision-making will prevail. Please make this Letter of Objection part of your record for Docket No. 20240032-SU

Sincerely,

Scott Daley
