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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 2:06 PM  
**To:** 'Paul Pucovsky'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Construction of Low-pressure Central Sewer system; 2020032-SU

Good Afternoon, Paul Pucovsky.

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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Public Service Commissions Board  
Subject: Construction of Low-Pressure Central  
Sewer System on Little Gasparilla Island

January 28, 2025

Dear Commissioners and to Whom it may concern:

As a home owner on LGI we want to urge local authorities and decision-makers to consider the unique characteristics of Little Gasparilla Island before moving forward with any plans for a sewer system. The island is not just a place to live; it is a cherished sanctuary that offers respite from the fast-paced lifestyle found elsewhere. Its natural landscapes, wildlife, and pristine waters draw residents and visitors alike, and we must do everything in our power to keep it that way.

Our first issue is to keep the preservation of the island. Introducing a sewer system can lead to pollution and disrupt local ecosystems. There are many scientific studies that have found the installation of a sewer system to be harmful to the ecosystem. Any kind of construction can damage coral reefs, seagrass beds, and other marine habitats. It can also disrupt the local food web and threaten the survival of local species. Protecting the natural environment ensures that future generations can enjoy the island's beauty, just as we currently do. Secondly, the financial burden of installing a sewer system can be overwhelming. We were given an estimated cost of \$18,000. That may seem manageable, but unexpected expenses can easily arise. This amount may quickly spiral out of control, leaving residents with bills they cannot afford. If the project encounters unforeseen problems, the unforeseen cost could rise to double even triple. Who will oversee EU the private for profit utility company, and who do we call when things are going south? EU does not have to provide any guarantee of completion to the ratepayers or to anyone. With EU, there is no centralized oversight for this project. There is no competition. There is no single point of recourse and that is extremely concerning. Lastly, our community is still healing from recent hurricanes. Many families are trying to rebuild their homes and lives after losing everything. Our focus should be on helping residents rebuild and improve infrastructure that is resilient to future storms rather than imposing new financial burdens. Investing in the community's recovery and resilience will foster a stronger, more united island.

We can all conclude that keeping the island free from a sewer system is essential for preserving its natural beauty, avoiding unpredictable costs, and supporting a community still recovering from hurricanes. Protecting the island means protecting its future. It is time to prioritize the environment and the well-being of residents over unnecessary developments. The island should remain as a sanctuary for us and our future families!

Warm Regards,

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