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From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 5:00 PM
To: 'Novak, Rick'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Deny EU Application RE Docket #220240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Rick Novak.

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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From: Novak, Rick <rmnovak@uic.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:54 PM
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Subject: Deny EU Application RE Docket #220240032-SU

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Dear Clerk for the PSC,

I am writing as a home owner on Little Gasparilla Island to voice my strongest possible opposition to the above docket for a sewer system on the Bocilla barrier Islands. There is absolutely no need for this system as no problem exists with the current management of sewage on these islands and the overwhelming majority of homeowners oppose it. In the words of President Reagan, " If it ain't broke, don't fix it". This proposal is a money making scheme

for the FOR PROFIT Environmental Utilities who have NO experience with such a system. The costs would be passed on to us owners and is estimated to cost each home owners in excess of \$40,000, plus monthly fees once in place. They are proposing an outdated low pressure technology that Charlotte County won't install any more because of the excessive cost to maintain. These have a high failure rate and spillage of raw sewage into our delicate island and intracoastal environment will be disastrous for wildlife, the fisheries and tourism. Construction fo this system will be very disruptive to the island residents. These are bridgeless islands and access is dependent on a ferry which does not operate on a regular schedule. If there is an emergency with the sewage system, access to repair it will be slow in arriving.

This system will be an undue burden on homeowners: each homeowner will have to provide electric permits and service as well as a generator for the frequent power outages on the island. We would also have to give away 15' of property for an easement. Also, there is no oversight for this project, no performance bond required and we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

Please do not impose this terrible project on the people of the Bocilla Islands and vote no again on this project.

Sincerely,

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