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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:32 PM
To: 'Helene DeCataldo'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Deny Environmental Utilities sewer install

Good Afternoon Michael J. and Helene DeCataldo

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: Helene DeCataldo <imaginhd@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:18 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Deny Environmental Utilities sewer install

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Dear Commissioners:

Our names are Michael J. and Helene DeCataldo. We were hoping to be full time residents of LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island Unit I-1 which is part of the Hideway bay Beach Club condo Association. (HBBC). We are retired and waiting for our condo to be restored to living condition. We are imploring you to DENY the application by Environmental utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island. Please.

EU made the change to the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro Island State Park to the HBBC property. Despite the fact that we were excluded from the scope of this application on May 13, 2024 (Doc #03001-2024) by EU's attorney, this change directly affects every one of the owners at HBBC. We were not notified of this critical change to the application. This is a direct violation of one of the principles by which the PSC should base their decision: proper notification of all involved parties. This change to the application without notice denies the owners at HBBC our due process to be able to oppose this change, rigorously.

The letter from the HBBC attorney, Nick Porter, dated February 28, 2025, (Doc #01210-2025) also states HBBC's position in this matter. We were extremely disappointed that the PSC staff did not take into account this oversight in notification in their recommendation.

One hundred thirty two families are being denied their rights to due process because of the change made by EU without notification.

If EU plans to use the model as indicated in the 2017 CC SMP, the pump house for the sewer will be built on the HBBC Septic Plant drain field. Building anything on our drain field will result in the complete shutdown of our community while construction is underway. It will also force us to hook up to the EU sewer despite being excluded from the scope of the project. How is this possible without any kind of notification? Imagine if you were in our position! One hundred thirty two families being denied due process. This is egregious!

We were excluded from the scope of the application, therefore, there have been no estimates of hook up costs to residents of HBBC. If this scenario plays out, residents of HBBC would be the first of the island residents (forced) to hook up to the sewer system. There would be no recourse to this most unreasonable action by EU. We wouldn't have any indication of costs associated with the action. We would not be able to use our homes resulting in additional living expenses, until the initial sewer construction was completed. We would have to assume the exorbitant costs of decommissioning our septic plant. This is unfair and unreasonable for the 132 families that are excluded from the scope of this application.

One hundred and thirty two families that are directly affected have not been notified, and DO NOT need a sewer line brought to our property as we already are using a DEP permitted septic plant . We 132 have no idea what the financial burden will be if this transmission line is brought to our property. Please consider the hardships that will be created, the lives that will be adversely affected, the families that will be financially ruined. PLEASE, do no harm!

PLEASE do the right, humane thing and deny this application.

Thank you, Michael J. and Helene DeCataldo HBBC owners Unit I-1