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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 8:29 AM
To: 'Kathy Stokes'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: #20240032-SU Docket Denial

Good Morning Ms. Stokes

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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Sent from my iPhone
Dear Commissioners,

It was shocking to read that your PSC Staff is recommending that you issue a wastewater certificate to Environmental Utilities, a private , for profit, inexperienced LLC! I have read every item that has been listed on your site, and I'm an "Interested" person. I've written letters to you during these TWO applications asking that you deny, I attended both days of hearings and spoke of my own situation and experience with EU.

Mr. Boyer has quite a reputation on our bridgeless barrier island. He stole water from the Don Pedro State Park in the middle of the island for his own water company and was arrested. In addition he illegally installed water to homes on LGI without permits, and he's not a plumber, (told me and 6 others he had installed hundreds,) used the wrong pipes and equipment which had to be replaced for which he was fined publicly at a Charlotte County Commission meeting. He has run his water company's pipes wherever he pleased and the condition of his meters even before the hurricanes was disturbing. Knowing the previous, It is very surprising and disappointing that the Charlotte County Commission approved

a resolution that Mr. Boyer's attorney wrote and submitted to the County Atty. supporting his obtaining this certificate. This evidence was presented at the hearing. Then it was passed as a consent agenda with no discussion! And remember the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan does not allow sewer in " Rural Service " areas of which we are. Does this seem ethical? Not one County Commissioner appeared at your hearings.

Speaking of ethics, in my research, I saw a name in the PSC info for ethics so I called. When I questioned if ethics of the applicants for certificates was looked at, I was told, Oh no, that is for the ethics of the PSC employees. Too bad not for applicants too.

At the hearings all three of the PSC Commissioners were so attentive and receptive to all of us who spoke, to our attorneys, and expert witnesses. There were hundreds of residents in attendance, (standing room only) and of those who spoke all were against the issuing of a certificate except for very few, which included his daughter, son in law, and wife. In the letter writing his 2 daughters who are realtors, 2 son in laws who are in construction, his employees, and his developer friend were involved.

Commissioners, I surely am hoping you are reading all the letters as it is going to be devastating to so many if you approve this certificate. There is no proven need environmentally, we are such a fragile place with lots of fragile animal habitats, the cost is astronomical, and the planned equipment is outdated and no longer used by Charlotte County.

Our expert witnesses and so many homeowners who spoke have expertise in the area of sewer and what will happen if allowed on our very fragile barrier island . Please take all of that into consideration. Also of concern to me is why should the homeowners have to finance Everything? We will be paying for property, trucks, boat, buildings and equipment! It is a start up company bringing nothing to the deal!

I will be personally affected as I am widowed and retired, a former teacher and school administrator, and I do not have \$40,000 to install this equipment, to maintain it with its needed generator, and the expected \$200 monthly fees. I will probably have to put my beloved home up for sale which my husband and I built 26 years ago. There are many who are in the same situation.

I am asking once again that you deny this certificate. Please put yourself into our shoes, 99% of our residents are asking this.

Sincerely,
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