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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:15 AM
To: 'Craig Grant'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Please oppose Docket # 20240032 Environmental Utilities application for providing sewer services to bridge less barrier islands in Charlotte Founty

Good Morning, Craig Grant.

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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Dear Florida PSC Commioners

Please oppose/ deny EU's application to provide sewer services for LGI and other bridge less barrier islands.

As an owner on the island for over 15 years. The following reasons specifically apply to Little Gasparilla Island (LGI). Most also apply to the other bridge less barrier islands.

LGI has approximately 390 houses and about 150 condos. Houses on the island have septic systems. The condos have their own septic/sewer system that is regulated by the state of Florida.

Few houses or condos have full time residents throughout the island; thus resulting in less stress on the systems and less discharge from the septic systems.

LGI is predominantly a private island. There are very few right of ways. Most sand paths are on private property.

Most lots are fairly small 50 x100 ft. So giving up property to give access for right of ways is unrealistic for a lot of the property owners.

The petitioner requesting approval for the sewer service applications principal has strong ties to the utility providing water services to LGI.

The system proposed; as I understand is similar to the Charlotte County system providing services in Placida mainland Florida. I've owned a house in Winward and my system has had to be dug up 4 times in the 15 years I owned the house. In fact it was dug up again last week. Unfortunately I did not get a pick of the 3 monster trucks and back home for the digging. This is certainly not a system I would want on LGI. I will include a pic of the current status.

Large equipment must be barged to the island. To make repairs. Charlotte County was reluctant to provide hurricane Helene and Milton help due to the logistics. Fortunately they decided to do the right thing to provide hurricane debris removal assistance.

Use of large equipment during the removal of hurricane debris we had many water main breaks because of the poor infrastructure of the water lines. Not buried deep enough and unprotected access points as a part of their design.

A central system consolidates the sewer into a single point or a few points of consolidation. A break in one of critical pieces could be far far worse than a limited number of septic systems that are used only on a part time basis.

The cost of the proposed system is ridiculous. The proposed hook up fees and proposed recurring monthly fees are unacceptable.

Proof of the actual need of service is non-existent vs. the part time used existing septic infrastructure.

Your denial of EU's sewer application would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,

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