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Subject: RE: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon

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 PSC Commissioners-

Please reject the Environmental Utilities application for sewer on Little Gasparilla Island. The proposed sewer is an environmental, financial, corporation and legal disaster in every way:

-environmental disaster because it is at high risk of failing / overflowing and dumping sewage into our precious waterways. One electrical failure (which happens frequently on LGI) shuts off sewer service for everyone = this makes no sense!

-financial disaster because the company is private and therefore owners cannot apply for financial assistance through available programs. the real cost to each homeowner will be in the \$50,000 range, which is -unaffordable to many, especially after we have been slammed with costs related to Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton -corporation disaster because the company has NO experience in providing sewer service -legal disaster because the EU demand for right of

way onto each property will be the subject of many legal challenges. The law does not give them the right they need in order to build this sewer system.

Everyone wants to protect our waterways and upgrade our usage programs, but it needs to be done right, not rushed. EU, LLC is not qualified, and its being private hurts owners financially.

We need a qualified, experienced company to investigate and address the sewer need on LGI, one that can apply for grants to help defray our costs. This can be done, but NOT with Environmental Utilities LLC

I attended the Hearings and the sentiment was overwhelmingly against the EU plan based on sound engineering / environmental / legal etc reasoning, so I was shocked that the recommendation was in favor.

PLEASE help preserve one of the very last holdouts of the beautiful Old Florida way of life, which is a joy not only to owners, but to the many visitors who sing its praises. The EU plan is a gateway to further development on LGI, which will destroy the way of life here, the very thing that attracts tourists to our beautiful island.

PLEASE VOTE NO

Thank you
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