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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:45 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket #20240032
Attachments: Environmental Utilities and Little Gasparilla Island; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Request to Deny - Certificate of Compliance for Sewer Service; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; EU sewer app number #20240032; Docket #20240032; Docket #20240032-SU; docket 20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Joey Martin <joeymartin@thehuppgroup.com>
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Subject: Environmental Utilities and Little Gasparilla Island
Attachments: EU Letter.docx

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Thank you so much for your consideration,

Jeremy and Joan Martin

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to express my concern with the EU application for sewer certificate pertaining to Little Gasparilla Island and Hideaway Beach Club, specifically docket number 20240032. As a member of this community, we were not made aware that this action was going to affect our property until recently. Therefore, we were not afforded the due process procedure to have our say in this project.

Not only that, but we are still rebuilding from Hurricane Ian. We have fought with the state-run insurance company and finally settled with the help of a lawyer. My family has not been able to enjoy our property in two and a half years. We are FINALLY making head way to get to enjoy our property again and we are made aware of this project that will keep us from enjoying our home for even more time. We can't take much more on this island and I'm desperately asking that you allow us to have our due process to fight this substantial change.

Sincerely,

Jeremy and Joan Martin
Owners of Unite F9
9400 Little Gasparilla

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From: Carol Spyerer <carolcms@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 8:40 PM
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Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioners,

I do not understand why I am still writing and pleading with you to stop the low pressure sewer system from being approved on LGI. Charlotte County no longer even uses this system because of the expense. LGI has been through Ian which was catastrophic and two flooding hurricanes Helene and Milton in the last three years. Houses and docks have been severely damaged. We do not need more of the land or our island destroyed by this endeavor. I don't understand how you could allow this when I have been waiting 2+ for permitting and now dealing with an electrical permit which is due to an FPL issue. This nonprofit only has one agenda and that is to do the Christian thing and purchase all the land after they run everyone off the island if you allow this to pass.

Please step up Charlotte County and close your pocketbooks and do the right thing for your constituents. Veto the Sewer system for your stepchildren at LGI.

Carol Speyerer
9274 LGI

Antonia Hover

From: robert.der.der@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 6:27 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Clark; Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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I hereby request you to please deny the EU application again - there is a huge opposition from Palm Island and other island residents. Plus, there has been no water quality problem is documented.

Charlotte County should not be supportive this proposal as the County would be deserting our island residents with regard to an unwanted services. We would be pawned off to yet another private company charging the island residents excessive and absorbent rates and fees for historically unreliable service that EU is notorious for. Why would not the County treat us Palm Island residents fairly and provide services by a public utility at public utility rates? Or leave us alone as this is a huge and expensive intrusion. The proposed sewer system has not proven to be a need and can actually be detrimental to us island residents as we experience power outages frequently. Our septic systems work fine when the power is out, but not the proposed EU system. That system needs power to operate.

Why was EU allowed to change its application to another sewer system after enormous time and money was spent to address the second application with a low-pressure system? We were denied the opportunity at the hearing to address the application you are voting on Tuesday. Who allowed that late change?

Just as EU changed the type of sewer at the last minute, EU is highly likely to change the sewer situation for the residents, last minute. They would likely change the fees, the timeline, the natural beauty and complicate our seasonal hurricane repairs. The hurricane surge has been very difficult on residents. As of today, I still cannot ride a bike on my street as there is nothing but sugar-sand to ride on. FEMA is still traveling by my house every few minutes almost 6 months after Hurricane Milton. When will I get a road to bike on if EU is putting in a sewer? They have no incentive to be efficient with process or costs. My friend on Little Gasparilla tells horror stories of the water utility that EU's owner poorly installed. There is no recourse for residents. Why let another population be subject to the grief imposed by the EU owner.

It's common knowledge that the Palm Island Resort is having trouble with their sewage system. They have not addressed their identified sewer problem for years. The Resort's hookup to the proposed island EU sewer should not be a backdoor channel to lessen the burden of the Resort residents on the backs of residents outside the Resort for the costs which the Resort neglected over the years. Non-Palm Island Resort residents should not be required pay and bail the Resort out of their sewer problems on the back of innocent, non-resort owners like me!

I do not see a proven need for sewer outside the resort and never have. Please deny the EU proposal. Vote no on any project proposed by EU.

Thanks and best regards,

Bob Der

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Antonia Hover

From: Ashley Morrison <ashleymm24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 6:06 PM
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Subject: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Good afternoon,

I am writing ahead of the vote on Tuesday regarding the proposal to allow a central sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island. I strongly **oppose** the central sewer system on the island and respectfully ask that you vote against the sewer system. I believe this project poses serious risks to the environment, economy, and long-term sustainability of the island.

My family has been homeowners on the island since the 1970s. I am passionate about preserving and protecting the island's fragile and beautiful environment. Little Gasparilla Island is home to fragile ecosystems that make our island unique and irreplaceable. The construction of a central sewer system would disrupt these areas, risking environmental degradation and posing a significant threat to the water quality of the island. More concerning is the potential for large sewage spills, which could devastate both our local environment and the public health of our community.

Second, there's the economic burden. The proposed hookup fees of \$40,000 to \$50,000—along with sky-high monthly bills—are simply unaffordable for many residents, particularly in a community like ours where the cost of living is already high. These fees do not align with the affordability standards set by Charlotte County's Master Sewer Plan, and forcing residents to bear such a financial load is unfair, especially considering a sewer system is viewed as a horrible idea by island residents.

Then, we have the issue of infrastructure risks. Little Gasparilla Island is highly vulnerable to hurricanes and extreme weather events. A central sewer system, with its complex infrastructure, could easily fail during a storm. This could result in sewage overflows, further endangering our island's delicate ecosystem and creating serious health hazards for our community.

Lastly, I want to address the regulatory and compliance concerns. Our island's water quality is already within acceptable standards, meaning that there is no immediate need for this sewer expansion. Moreover, this project does not comply with state laws or local plans that are designed to protect areas like ours—areas that are already under pressure from development and climate change.

In conclusion, I urge you to carefully consider the long-term consequences of this project. We do not need or want a central sewer system to preserve our island's future. What we need is to protect our environment, our economy, and the character of Little Gasparilla Island, ensuring that future generations can enjoy it as we have.

Thank you for your time. Again, I ardently ask that you vote against a sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island and protect the beautiful and beloved ecosystems that make the island paradise for so many.

Ashley Morrison

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Antonia Hover

From: LEEANN SLOMKOWSKI <leeannslom@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:43 PM
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Subject: Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Once again we are writing to strongly protest putting in a public sewer on Palm Island. I frankly am surprised that you folks are even considering this after the overwhelming lack of support at the hearings from the majority of residents. It somehow even feels unethical at this point to us if this passes. This sewer can not be controlled by a FOR PROFIT individual.

The last thing this island needs right now is to tear it up and charge everyone astronomically fees when we are all still reeling from 3 hurricanes.

Our power was out this morning for quite a while but our septic worked great. Leave it alone!

This is absolutely unnecessary at this time and we pray you rule against it with the public opinion.

Sincerely,

LeeAnn and Joel Slomkowski
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: hahns kanode <hkanode@aol.com>
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Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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I hereby respectfully request that the commissioners vote to deny the sewer application that is currently on the table for Palm Island.

My address is 301 South Gulf, Unit 417, Placida FL 33946

Thank you
Hahns Kanode
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From: Lillie Estrada <lilestrada.hbbc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:16 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Request to Deny - Certificate of Compliance for Sewer Service

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Lillie Estrada

Unit I10, Hideaway Bay Beach Club
9400 Little Gasparilla Island

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the process undertaken by the Public Service Commission (PSC) in relation to Environmental Utilities LLC's (EU) application for a certificate to install a sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island.

An amendment filed and recorded in May 2024, **Docket #20240032-SU**, states:

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

***IN RE: Application for certificate to provide
wastewater service in Charlotte County, by
Environmental Utilities, LLC
DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU***

ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, LLC.'S AMENDMENT TO REDUCE REQUESTED SERVICE AREA

Environmental Utilities, LLC. ("EU"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, files this amendment to its application to delete certain property from its requested service area and states:

- 1. It was never the intent of EU to apply its septic-to-sewer project to Hideaway Bay and Placida Beach condominiums. These condominiums are served by a central wastewater treatment plant which is permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.***
- 2. The owners of the units in these condominiums are not included in the number of prospective customers as set forth in the Application, and thus service to them is not included in any of the financial analyses.***
- 3. Attached hereto are the legal descriptions of the two condominiums which are hereby deleted from EU's Application.***

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of May, 2024,

Martin S. Friedman

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Despite this amendment, EU unilaterally altered the location of the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) property—without any notification to HBBC. While the docket states that HBBC is not required to connect, this change was made without due process or

transparency. The transmission line's placement directly impacts all unit owners at HBBC, and EU failed to provide proper notification regarding this major modification.

Additionally, the newly proposed design includes a stub-out for the future connection of HBBC to the sewer system, despite HBBC operating its own DEP-approved wastewater treatment plant. The inclusion of this stub-out raises significant concerns:

- Why is HBBC being positioned for a future connection when it was explicitly removed from EU's application?
- What are the long-term implications and costs for HBBC, including potential expenses related to decommissioning our existing wastewater treatment plant?
- Why is privately owned property being impacted by a project we were led to believe would not affect us?

This situation is a clear violation of due process. Private property cannot be repurposed or encumbered without proper notification, justification, and transparency. This is not a matter of convenience—it is a matter of legal rights and property ownership.

Given these circumstances, I respectfully request that EU's application for a wastewater service certificate be denied. The lack of due process, the unauthorized modification of the transmission line location, and the potential forced connection of HBBC despite existing infrastructure all demonstrate significant issues with EU's proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lillie Estrada
Unit I10, Hideaway Bay Beach Club
9400 Little Gasparilla Island

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From: terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>
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Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Commissioners, **Did your power go out this morning? Ours did.**
But do you know what we didn't worry about? Our toilet. That's because our septic tank works with or without power. However, if EU wins their application, the low power system they want to put in will only last 8 hours before it starts backing up into your house. And to be clear, that's 8 hours of toilet flushing, not showers, not laundry.

The Main Reasons We Oppose Private Sewer

**No Need for Service
Excessive Cost**

Private & For Profit

Outdated Technology

Damage to the Environment

Traffic Congestion

We all know how long the ferry waits can be and how difficult getting around the island can be with FEMA trucks. Imagine that, but worse

Maintenance & Emergency Situations

Undue Installation Burden to the Homeowner

Mandatory Easements

No Oversight

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Antonia Hover

From: Natalie Coburn <nataliecoburn3@gmail.com>
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Subject: EU sewer app number #20240032

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Hello

I am writing urging you reject this application. I am currently building a home at 8904 Gulf Street and own a condo at hideaway bay beach club 9400 little Gasparilla Island, A8.

I spoke at the commissioner meeting in January against this project. No need has been established, the costs are excessive, their technology is outdated there would be damage to the environment, and easements would be mandated (many lots on LGI are 50 by 100 feet with little to no room to spare for additional easements) to name a few of the many issues.

I am permitted to install a performance based automated unit at the total cost of \$50,000 later this year. It is the highest standard of automated units which is required to have testing twice per year and even more in the early phases of set up. It is superior to the system EU is proposing in every way but if this passes I would be forced to dig out and remove this brand new superior system at my own cost and be forced to spend 40k to hook up to EU's system. As I'm sure you're aware, we live on a barrier island with no bridges and have to barge everything over which greatly increases the cost of everything we do.

It is highly unfair that we have to pay for a new septic system and then be forced to tear it out within a year or two in order to accommodate a sewer system that we do not want nor need and also fear. And, there are many others in this same situation. Island-wide fear is due to the lack of effectiveness of the kind of system being proposed, the time it will take to complete along with the interruptions to our right for the peaceful enjoyment of our property. The destruction to our island will compound the devastation already inflicted by the recent hurricanes. In addition, the estimated costs are going to far exceed the estimate presented by the applicant and does not include the upgraded electrical system that each home or property will be required to provide.

And then, God forbid, what will happen should there be another storm the magnitude of Ian, Helene or Milton. What will happen each time the power goes down on the island (which most recently went down for the entire day on March 24th) and happens often? What is the plan for another catastrophic storm surge? Who will be responsible for the damage to property owners due to effluence escape?

The majority of the people on the island do not want this and the very few in favor appear to have personal reasons: either they are related to the applicant, good friends of the applicant or stand to benefit from the approval of the subsequent project.

As I said, I attended and spoke at the hearing and nearly all were against it.

The testimony that I found most appalling, and also quite interesting, was from the gentleman who stated that he had been offered to buy this sewer system for eleven million dollars. Why would he say this if it wasn't true? With all due respect, this has shade of backroom shenanigans.

I am disappointed (and quite honestly, disgusted) should there have been any sort of back room positioning in order for persons to make money off the backs of people who have already been through several traumatic, damaging and expensive experiences since 2021, some losing everything with no federal, state or local help.

There has been no evidence presented of environmental damage to sensitive areas that surround our beautiful island. The current systems in place to the north, south and east of us all had major problems due to the fact that the systems did not perform as planned during and after these recent storms, subsequently wreaking havoc with overflow waste flowing into and onto private property, not to mention the surrounding waters.

I would ask you from the bottom of my heart to deny this application due to the following:

1. The applicant is not qualified to install and operate the planned system.
2. He (jack boyer) has expressed to others the plans to sell the "slam drunk" project to enrich himself, and has stated to others that this is "his retirement plan".
3. 95% of the community opposes this application.
4. Most owners are not able to afford it and will have to sell which, in all likelihood, will create a "land grab" by those who wish to change one of the last, beautiful vestiges of Old Florida... for personal monetary gain.
5. Many owners will refuse to give an easement or right of way which will result in long, embroiled and acromonious lawsuits.
6. To add insult to injury, should this be forced upon us, we will be obligated to pay monthly fees for the "privilege" of having this unwanted atrocity after being strong-armed to fund it in the first place.
7. The likelihood of unforeseen mishaps due to the nature of our unique island, and the lack of the adequate infrastructure to support such a fiasco, would surely reap dire consequences to our surrounding environment, not to mention our individual homes and land.

Hideaway bay beach club was excluded from the scope of this project in May of 2024. It came to light in January of 2025 that the Waste water Transmission line for LGI is being brought over to HBBC property. This has the potential of completely closing down our property if a pump house is built on our septic drain field. We have been denied our due process. Our lawyer's letter was ignored when the PSC staff made their recommendation to approve the application.

I have 2 dogs on this fight and this application negatively effects both of my properties immensely. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Natalie Coburn

Antonia Hover

From: Kathleen Waltz <kwaltzjim@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:48 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032

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Dear Commissioner Graham

My name is Kathleen Waltz. I have been an owner at HBBC since 1998.

I am writing to ask you to deny Environmental Utilities (EU) application to install sewers on the island.

As an active owner I was pleased we were excluded from the scope in May 2024. We own and operate a wastewater plant. I had no idea that EU now proposes "use" of our property. We have had no notice of the design/location changes to their proposals.

Please vote no tomorrow.

Thank you
Kathleen Waltz
(412)262-0758

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Paul Sarofim <psarofim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 10:53 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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With so much opposition, and the lack of needing this antiquated sewer system, I am truly surprised that the county commissioners are entertaining this request from EU.

The turnout to the hearings was overwhelming last month. The homeowners on the island do not want this solution for sewer, as not only is there is no environmental need for it, the solution will only cause environmental harm once it fails.

Please reject this application from EU.

Thank you for your time today!

Paul Sarofim
9254 Little Gasparilla Island
Placida, FL

Antonia Hover

From: Sharon Steckler <sharon@stecklerlcs.com>
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To: Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: docket 20240032-SU

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Docket #20240032-SU

Dear Commissioner Graham,

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,

Sharon Steckler, LCSW
Mind's Eye Psychotherapy
& Consultation
(sent from my iphone)

Antonia Hover

From: Teri Messner <terim1995@icloud.com>
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Watching the sewer issue come up over and over again by a for-profit business and a committee that recommends it despite the residents of Don Pedro Island being against it signals the standard government corruption from deep pocket interests. I'm not asserting it's the case, but certainly bears every resemblance.

We've been residents for 13 years and coming to the island for 32. There are so many reasons why the current septic system should stay in place.

Our wildlife and simple life is what makes our island unique. Tearing it up, displacing wildlife is unnecessary when our current septic standard is working. This is a simple statement for a complex situation. You must know the island to understand how tearing it up would be devastating.

The financial burden of assessing homeowners in the interest of a for profit business is unconscionable! I'm assuming by the committee's recommendations those on the committee assume homeowners on an island are wealthy. Many of us saved up for a long time to buy rental property, reliant on rentals to keep the houses afloat. With the proposed increase in insurance this year, many homeowners will already be struggling beyond the repairs we're still trying to make from 3 hurricanes in 3 years. Forcing a needless assessment on them could put many of our homeowners on the brink of sale or foreclosure.

If you've been to the island, you'd know it's not like the other islands. It's quiet, quaint and is virtually untouched by commercialism. Our wildlife is vast and most streets unpaved. The destruction to add this unnecessary sewer system is exactly that, unnecessary!

Our septic systems have been in existence since the beginning. Many places around the country consistently use septic systems. Again, other than making a profit off the islanders, I'm not understanding why this topic continues to be replayed.

Our residents poured their hearts out to the committee and it appears from the recommendation, either the committee didn't listen or there are more nefarious actions behind the scenes. The island does not need a sewer system, it does not need private companies profiting off us without our say or assessing us for something we don't want.

Again, the idea that we'd be assessed by a private company whom we did not want so they in turn could not only profit, but regulate our fees, is unconscionable!!

The committee should be ashamed of itself for its recommendation and I'm prayerful it will not be voted in.

Teri Messner
Kettle Harbor Dr, Don Pedro Island
863-287-6905

Antonia Hover

From: Jane Pottmeyer <jpottmeyer@gmavt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:05 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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To the PSC Staff,

My husband and I are building a home on Palm Island and are dismayed and opposed to the idea of sewer systems being proposed for the island. The potential environmental damage to wildlife, plant, & aquatic life to the island would be catastrophic. We chose this particular island due to how dedicated the residents are as stewards of the wildlife that lives here. We stand alongside the residents in wanting to protect the future of all the creatures that live on the island for generations to come. With the threat of putting in sewer systems, the potential for sewer discharge and leaks would be devastating for tortoises, seas turtles, manatees, dolphins, fish, mangroves, and the balance of the unique ecosystem currently thriving on the island. Irreparable damage to wildlife, plant, & aquatic life could throw the entire ecosystem out of balance which would have far reaching outcomes.

Another concern is the possible introduction of pathogens and health risks for anyone visiting and/or living on the island. Given Florida has so many tropical storms & hurricanes, low-pressure sewer systems are highly susceptible break down or stop working which will result in a health risk with un-flushable toilets likely for days before anyone can gain access to the island to service the numerous homes and condos. The risk for sewers to fail and contaminate canals & bays is too large a risk to wager.

The proposed hook up fees, permitting, barge fees, and monthly water billing all prohibitive. Charlotte County works with an affordability rate of no more than \$113/mo for wastewater for all Charlotte County residents. There will be equipment failures and given just one ferry that doesn't operate in weather conditions.

It's time to make a different choice, one that prioritizes protecting nature, the animals we get to share this earth with who are depending on us to make good decisions. I am asking you to be stewards for wherever you happen to live, for Palm Island, for Charlotte County, for Florida, and be an example for the rest of the United States. What legacy do you leave for people today in Charlotte County? For your children? For your grandchildren?

Thank you for your time and care in favor of preserving the ecosystem for the future of Palm Island.

Health & Peace,
Jane & Kevin Pottmeyer

Compassion is a verb.
Thich Nhat Hanh

Antonia Hover

From: Bonnie Roby <bjroby@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:20 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Graham
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Please vote no.

Roberta Roby