

Antonia Hover

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; docket 20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU; Environmental Utilities and Little Gasparilla Island; 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; Docket # 20240032; URGENT! RE. Docket #20240032-SU; SEWER PROPOSAL: PLEASE VOTE AGAINST; Docket # 20240032 - Environmental Utilities Application Concerns; Docket # 20240032; Re: Docket #20240032-SU; DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU-Please stop this unnecessary, unwanted project.

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20240032. Thank you!

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Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Please vote no.

Roberta Roby

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From: Teri Messner <terim1995@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:24 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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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

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From: Sharon Steckler <sharon@stecklerlcsw.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:04 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: docket 20240032-SU

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Docket #20240032-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

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)

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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: Joey Martin <joeymartin@thehuppgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 9:00 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Environmental Utilities and Little Gasparilla Island
Attachments: EU Letter.docx

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Please see the attached letter for consideration in regards to docket number 20240032.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Jeremy and Joan Martin



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3/31/2025

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

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: LEEANN SLOMKOWSKI <leeannslom@msn.com>
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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 septics 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
411 Kettle Harbor Drive
Placida, FL. 33946

Sent from my iPhone

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From: hahns kanode <hkanode@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;
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
[Hkanode@aol.com](mailto:hkanode@aol.com)

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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 110, 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 110, Hideaway Bay Beach Club

9400 Little Gasparilla Island

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From: terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:07 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
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

Terry Kent
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From: Kathleen Waltz <kwaltzjim@icloud.com>
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To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Docket #20240032

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Dear Commissioner Clark

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 engaged owner I was pleased were excluded from the scope in May 2024. We own and operate a wastewater treatment 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 proposal.

Please vote no tomorrow

Thank you
Kathleen Waltz
(412)262-0758

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Palm Island Estates <pie@palmislandestates.org>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:16 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: URGENT! RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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To the Commissioners of the Public Service Commission:

Tomorrow is a monumental day in the lives of Island residents. The decision you render regarding Environmental Utilities' application will impact the property owners within the prospective service area for many years to come.

In their recommendation, staff took the position that the application should be approved based on only the most limited factors to be considered. In other words, the application was complete and not deficient.

Staff also took the narrowest interpretation of what constitutes "need for service". They stuck to the 4 specific items in the application and dismissed any other considerations, such as environmental need for service, securing of easements and more.

As Commissioners of the PSC, we understand that you have the autonomy to consider more than the fulfillment of a checklist. There were only two items that differed from the previous docket where you denied certification:

- The inclusion of request for service with the application submission instead of later in the process.
- The submission of the Charlotte County supporting resolution with the application instead of a letter of support from Charlotte County that was submitted late in the process in 2022.

Nothing else has significantly changed since the last application.

We ask you to consider the following when making your decision regarding need for service/public interest. All can be verified in evidence and testimony:

- Environmental need is a part of the need for service. No testing has been done to prove water pollution, nor is there proof of a public health and safety issue.
- The Charlotte County resolution is not proof of a "need" for service, but rather it is a "want" for service as the Comprehensive Plan prohibits them from installing central sewer.
- EU's attorney wrote the Charlotte County resolution, not the Charlotte County attorney. That's why it states that there's no conflict with the Comprehensive Plan, when even the PSC staff agrees that there is.
- Even Charlotte County believes that a low-pressure system requires too much maintenance. They no longer use the system, only doing new installations where the system already exists.
- There is no mandate for central sewer, and Charlotte County continues to issue permits for septic system installations.

- The major discrepancies in the cost estimates among the various expert witnesses leaves the potential for a return to the PSC for a rate adjustment.
- The owners requesting service only represent 4% of the total ERCs. Everyone else who is aware of it opposes it.

Should this application be approved, the negative impacts will come without any demonstrable benefit or need. There will also be unintended consequences, as is always the case when a rubber-stamped solution is applied to a unique situation.

We respectfully request that you use the full extent of your authority to consider all of the factors in this case and deny this application.

The Palm Island Estates Association, Inc. Action Committee

Meryl Schaffer

Co-Chair, Communications

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Palm Island Estates Association, Inc
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From: Laurie Barclay <it000016@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: SEWER PROPOSAL: PLEASE VOTE AGAINST

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We are homeowners on Don Pedro Island for 35 years. We strongly oppose the sewer proposal because:

Our existing septic works just fine and requires no power to operate. If the power goes out on a sewer system, raw sewage would back up into our home within 8 hours.

The cost of installing and maintaining a sewer, generator, and associated costs is prohibitive and unnecessary.

Sewers pose environmental hazards to the fragile ecosystems and wildlife on our pristine island. Consider all the sewer systems that dumped billions of gallons of sewage into the Gulf, causing red tide, destroying marine life, and ruining air quality.

The generators needed for backup are also a hazard and could catch fire.

Our island life and finances have already been severely disrupted by the hurricanes. The last thing we need is more disruption from sewers being installed and maintained and ultimately failing, not to mention the extreme upfront costs and backup to traffic getting on and off the island.

There is no need for sewer on our island. The only one it benefits is those who proposed it for their own financial gain.

EU wants to use outdated technology -- low-pressure systems, which Charlotte County won't install any more because of the excessive maintenance they require.

We would lose an estimated 15' runway of our property from our house to the road that we can't build on, drive over or put anything permanent on.

Central Sewer opens the door to high-rises, which would destroy the old Florida, nature preserve feeling of our pristine island.

As there is no performance bond required, we have no single point of recourse in the event of cost overruns or project failure.

In short, we do not want this and have never wanted it. We have spoken up against it each time it has come up. Please VOTE NO and put an end to this once and for all.

Sincerely,
Laurie Barclay and Richard Collett

Homeowners: CDP Unit #8 and 50 S. Gulf, Don Pedro Island

Antonia Hover

From: John Hofer <jbhofer01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 3:41 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Clark
Cc: hobjacksllc@gmail.com
Subject: Docket # 20240032 - Environmental Utilities Application Concerns
Attachments: sewer-notice-charlotte-county.pdf

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Dear Commissioners,

Hi, our name is John & Beth Hofer. We own 2 condos on LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit J2 and H10 which are part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). We are writing this letter to ask you to **deny** the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

EU made the change to the location of the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to the HBBC property. Even though 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 substantial change to the application. This is a direct violation of one of the tenets by which the PSC should base their decision - proper notification of all involved parties. This change to the application without notification denies the owners at HBBC of our due process to be able to fight this change.

The letter from the HBBC lawyer, Nick Porter dated February 28, 2025 (Doc #01210-2025) also states HBBC's position in this matter. I was extremely disappointed that the PSC staff did not consider this oversight in their recommendation.

100+ Families are being denied their 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 community being shut down completely while the construction is underway. It will also force us to hook up to the EU sewer despite being excluded from the scope of this project. How can this be done without any kind of notification? Again, 100+ families are being denied our due process.

Because we were excluded from the scope of this application, there have been no estimates of the hook up costs for the condos. If this scenario plays out, HBBC would have to be the first people forced to hook up to the sewer system. We wouldn't have any recourse to this questionable action by EU, we wouldn't have any indication of the costs associated with this action, we wouldn't be able to use our homes resulting in additional living expenses and loss rental income until the initial sewer construction was completed and we would have to assume the costs of decommissioning our septic plant. Is this fair & reasonable for the 100+ families that are excluded from the scope of this application.

100+ families that are directly affected have not been notified. 100+ families currently using a DEP permitted septic plant do not need a sewer line brought to our property. 100+ families have no idea what the financial burden will be if this transmission line is brought to our property.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Sincerely,

John & Beth Hofer
HBBC Units J2 & H10
Phone: 913-908-7460
Email: hobojacksllc@gmail.com

Dear Commissioners,

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Please do the right thing and deny this application.



John & Beth Hofer

HBBC Units J2 & H10

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Antonia Hover

From: Denny Mullis <dennymullis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 3:41 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Docket #20240032

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My wife and me have owned a condo at Hideaway Bay Beach Condos since 1995 and this application had no input from our Association, nor did it take into consideration the effect on the 132 owners and their families. We should be allowed to have input to our condos being saddled with this expense .Our sewer system has been in compliance with the laws for over 30 years. Please DENY this application.

Denny & Kit Mullis

HBBC unit F5

Antonia Hover

From: cheryl klaus <cherylbethklaus@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 3:19 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;
Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Re: Docket #20240032-SU

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Clerk and Commissioners:

We strongly oppose the private sewer application of Environmental Utilities – a for profit, privately owned company with little to no experience designing and installing a central sewer system on a sand barrier island. We have just experienced 2 “hundred year” storms – Ian and Milton- with no seepage or leaching from drain fields on this barrier island.

There has been no evidence of need for central sewer. Therefore, why would disrupting the entire ecological and environmental balance of this sensitive area make any sense at all? Why would placing undue, mandatory, and unaffordable for most families, financial burdens on residents even be considered? What is the responsibility of the county and the public utilities commission in this? Should more studies (which now show no need) be conducted at some date showing a need for central sewage how could the County abdicate its responsibility to address the situation and pass off its responsibilities to a private for profit company?

Once again, we thank you for your time and urge you to reject this Environmental Utilities application.

Sincerely,
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This project is an abuse of the Florida Clean Water Initiative and is a predatory attempt, by greedy utility contractors, to extract millions of dollars from the Island community.

Thanks
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