From:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Sent: To: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:20 AM Commissioner Correspondence

Subject:

Docket No. 20200226

**Attachments:** 

LGI sewer; RE. Docket #20200226-SU - 381 Kettle Harbor; Docket #20200226-SU Request for PSC to deny EU's application for wastewater service.; Fwd RE. Docket #

20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

From:

RANDY LEVY < randotter@aol.com>

Sent:

Saturday, February 5, 2022 10:01 AM

To:

Office of Commissioner Passidomo

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Petrina Iverson

Subject:

LGI sewer

We are at 8816 Grand Ave on LGI. We are in favor of the sewer proposal. The septic system failure and non maintenance on the island is a joke. With heavy rains the overflow is disgusting. The replacement cost of septic is well in excess of \$25,000 per system.

A managed sewer system is an asset for us as home owners.

Rand Levy 6128898776 cell

From:

Ember Harker <ember@launchsnap.com>

Sent: To: Saturday, February 5, 2022 11:36 AM Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject:

RE. Docket #20200226-SU - 381 Kettle Harbor

Dear Commissioner Passidomo.

I'm writing to you in regard to Docket #20200226-SU. My name is Ember Harker, <a href="mailto:ember@launchsnap.com">ember@launchsnap.com</a>. I'm currently building a new home at 381 Kettle Harbor Drive on Palm Island. This will be our primary residence where we plan to stay as long as we are able.

My family has been coming to this island for decades. The unique charm of this island simply cannot be imagined. From the car ferry that takes you onto the island, to the sand roads and golf carts, to the hawks, dolphins, manatees and gopher tortoises, to houses floating on stilts in the air, and the pristine white sand and blue water beaches...palm island is without question, magical.

We feel a profound sense of gratitude to be able to build our forever home on this island. We've dreamed of it for years but it's been financially out of our grasp. In order to build this home, we sold our home and have been living with my inlaws until our house is built. Imagine moving in with your mom at 50 years old...that's how committed we are to making this dream come true.

Our home isn't huge by most standards but it's every penny we can afford and part of that is a brand new, state of the art septic system. Which brings me to the proposed sewer service. I oppose this proposal for several reasons:

- 1. There's no consideration for the age of the septic system. Instead everyone would be forced to transition to the sewer regardless of the age of the system or need to be replaced. It makes no sense to rip out a brand new system.
- 2. We simply cannot afford it. We've put everything into this house and having to come up with such a huge chunk of money for a service we don't want and did not request after having just put in a brand new septic would be an incredible burden.
- 3. There is a complete lack of transparency around the financial implications of the proposed sewer. I don't feel that adequate due diligence has been performed and do not feel any sense of confidence about the cost of this endeavor short term or long term.
- 4. There's no proven need for sewer. We are strong advocates for greener living and plan to have a chemical free property. We've read the research and do not see any credible need for sewer nor proof that the septic systems on the island are causing harm.
- 5. I do not feel that the applicant has the technical experience appropriate to take on such a project. I'm not sure why someone who has never done a project like this would even apply or ever be granted a permit.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

# **Ember Harker**

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From: Helen Blyth <durbsgal@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 12:52 PM

To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of

**Commissioner Passidomo** 

**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU: Request for PSC to deny EU's application for wastewater

service.

> To whom it may concern,

> My husband and I built our house on LGI starting in 2015. We recently retired and will be realizing our dream of living on the island full time this year . We will be on a fixed income and the proposed private central sewer with its capital and monthly costs are unaffordable. There are no proposed provisions for either a payment plan over a reasonable time period , nor any government grants and it does not include the cost of hook up to my house. Please note these costs are only estimates and so the final cost will be beyond most residents ability to pay therefore defeating the entire point of the project .

> We already pay a huge property tax and judging by the cost of the water supply and with the hook up fee by the same people I have zero confidence in this proposed PRIVATE project.

- > Regards,
- > Helen Blyth
- > 9520 Jolly Roger Trail Little Gasparilla Island

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From: Michelle Presnell <kmp5983@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 6:52 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Passidomo

Subject: #20200226 SU

**Subject:** Fwd: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

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## Begin forwarded message:

From: Michelle Presnell <a href="mailto:kmp5983@yahoo.com">kmp5983@yahoo.com</a>

Date: February 5, 2022 at 6:44:27 PM EST

To: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

### Hello,

My name is Michelle Presnell. My husband Ken and I are owners of two units in the Don Pedro Colony on Palm Island.

I am writing to you to formally request that the EU application for wastewater be denied. There are several concerns shared by my husband and I as well as many others on the Island. The main concerns for us are the following:

- •The fact that there hasn't been any soil testing done to prove the need for sewer on the Island plus the potential of sewer spill into the intercostal.
- The cost of the mandatory hook up along with added monthly costs from the waste water which doesn't included added costs from electric and upgrades needed for said systems. Please take these concerns into consideration and deny the Application for the Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed sewer system.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Michelle Presnell 301 South Gulf Blvd units 17 & 18. (Palm Island) Placida, Florida 33946

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