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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200226  
**Attachments:** RE Little Gasparilla Island (LGI)- Waste water plan; RE Request Denial of EU's Application for Wastewater Service - Palm IslandKnight Island (Cape Haze); RE PSC Docket 20200226 - application of Environmental Utilities; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE RE. Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU and Commenters outside the Criteria in Florida Administrative Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2); RE Docket No. 20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** 'alltech-structural@verizon.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Little Gasparilla Island (LGI)- Waste water plan

Dear Ms. Lyons:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

*Angelena McCoy*

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**From:** Kelly Lyons <alltech-structural@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:02 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Little Gasparilla Island (LGI)- Waste water plan

Dear Commissioner,

The proposed plan for a central waste water system on LGI has a long list of negative issues and concerns which include, property rights, reliability, implementation, maintenance and cost, just to name a few. There has to be a better solution. If this system and associated cost were to be proposed for your neighborhood and your property would you support it?

Please reject this plan and give us time to explore better options.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lyons

8944 Gulf Street  
LGI-Placida Florida  
813-503-4211

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'Robin Fleck'  
**Subject:** RE: Request Denial of EU's Application for Wastewater Service - Palm Island/Knight Island (Cape Haze)

Dear Ms. Fleck:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Robin Fleck <rffleck@O2INVESTMENT.COM>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:24 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Request Denial of EU's Application for Wastewater Service - Palm Island/Knight Island (Cape Haze)

To all concerned:

My husband and I are owners of Unit 1624 at Palm Island Resort (7542 Palm Island Drive, Bldg 6, Placida FL 33946 – Jeff and Robin Fleck) and we strongly object to the proposed wastewater project. The finances and technical expertise of the developer and contractor are highly suspect. The onerous repercussions to property owners in terms of costs, in conjunction with proponents' lack of planning for crises like power outages, are alarming. We are not aware of legitimate studies documenting contamination problems in our area, and this project appears to be of substantial financial benefit to the promoters of the project, while ignoring the distinctly negative impacts to property owners. Please conclude that property owners' interests and needs should be preeminent in the decision on this matter, and deny this project. Thank you.

*Sincerely, Robin Fleck*

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'Gerald Stead'  
**Subject:** RE: PSC Docket 20200226 - application of Environmental Utilities

Dear Ms. Stead:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

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**From:** Gerald Stead <gsteadgroves@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:46 AM  
**To:** Mike La Rosa <MLaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Art Graham <AGraham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Andrew Fay <afay@psc.state.fl.us>; Gary Clark <gclark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** PSC Docket 20200226 - application of Environmental Utilities

Dear Commissioners

My name is Marcia Stead and I am the owner of the property at 8890 Gulf Street on Little Gasparilla Island. I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed installation of central sewers on Little Gasparilla Island by Environmental Utilities. We have owned our property for 25 years and have never had any problems with our septic tank that required anything other than regular maintenance. I do not believe there is any need for a central sewer system. Also, I do not believe that the company, Environmental Utilities, has demonstrated the experience and capability that would be necessary to install and operate a central sewer system.

David Adair is a long-time friend of our family and has stayed at our property frequently for the entire time we have owned it. He has also shared his opposition to this application with the PSC. He discussed his viewpoint with me and I agree with the points he made, so I am attaching his letter to the PSC. Please see the letter attached to this email. As the property owner, I agree with his points.

Please consider the residents and property owners on Little Gasparilla island. The central sewer system is not needed and the proposed sewer rates are extremely high. We should not be forced to accept this system that we did not ask for and incur the proposed initial and monthly charges.

As a property owner that is directly affected by this proposal, I ask that you deny this application.

Very truly yours  
Susan "Marcia" Stead.

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'Nicolas Caussade'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Caussade:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

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**From:** Nicolas Caussade <ncaussade@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:43 AM  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

My name is Nicolas Caussade and I am a resident of Palm Island: my residence is specifically on Don Pedro Island.

I am opposed to the central sewer system being considered and request that Environmental Utilities application for wastewater service be denied for the following reasons:

- I do not believe there is a need for wastewater service on a sparsely populated barrier island that is primarily second homes
- My understanding is that Environmental Utilities has no experience developing or managing a wastewater system
- I have no knowledge of Environmental Utilities financial wherewithal to develop and operate a wastewater system and neither do they since based on the information presented they have not been able to effectively communicate the costs of developing and operating the system
- The proposed charges for the system, that would be imposed on this small community, appear excessive in comparison to the perceived benefits

My understanding is that the main rationale for implementing a wastewater service is due to environmental concerns. I purchased my home on Don Pedro Island in 2005 and have been visiting the island since the mid 1990s and have never been aware of any issues with the water quality stemming from wastewater. I am not

aware of any water quality testing in the area that supports the need for a wastewater system. This project risks the potential of increased development of the island by opening the door to increased residential density that would result in the potential destruction of habitat and interference with the local flora and fauna, such as sand dunes, sea turtles, nesting sea birds, and tortoises. I would also add that a central wastewater system like the one proposed with a subaqueous crossing of the intracoastal waterway, poses greater risk of contaminating Lemon Bay than the risk of one or more septic systems developing leaks: I have personally experienced this in other parts of the country where underwater sewer pipes leaked for days prior to realizing there was a leak and repairing said leak.

The information presented shows that Environmental Utilities has no experience developing or operating wastewater systems, which is evident from their initial application that showed they did not know what type of system they would install, the costs to them, or the ultimate costs to the residents which would have no choice but to connect, given current Charlotte County regulations, and pay any cost overruns, and ongoing operating costs well in excess of those paid by residents on the mainland. Since Environmental Utilities has not addressed how the system will be serviced in the event of failure during a storm or other adverse conditions, the reliability of the system is questionable.

My understanding based on what has been presented is that the cost of the now proposed system would result in an average residential bill of \$180/month, which is twice the amount a resident in Rotonda pays for both water and sewer: I already pay approximately \$80/month for water. Additionally, the proposed system would place undue burdens on the residents of the community given the proposed system with the limited capacity grinder pump. This system, in addition to the connection costs that are not well supported, will potentially require each resident to:

- incur costs for preparing for the hookup, including costs to gain access to crush & fill the septic tank
- incur additional costs for potentially upgrading the electric system to accommodate the needed equipment
- incur additional monthly electricity costs for the pump equipment
- potentially incur the costs of installing a generator to ensure the pump works during prolonged power outages to avoid a sewage backup
- incur costs associated with replacing the equipment at each residence, since this equipment will be the responsibility of the homeowner

In addition to these costs, Environmental Utilities is going to claim ownership of a utility easement that will go from the sewer equipment, located near the house to the connection in the road without compensating the homeowners.

In closing, Environmental Utilities is applying to install and operate a wastewater system, having no experience in developing and managing such systems, with no perceived benefit for the residents of the community. The system would be developed at an uncertain cost that will be borne by the residents, and will provide guaranteed profit to the ownership of Environmental Utilities given residents will be required to hook to the system (septic systems will not be grandfathered even if recently installed and operating reliably) and pay rates sufficient to cover the utilities costs and guaranteed return. Note that the costs of connecting to the system, if approved, will be the responsibility of the homeowners and there is no financing plan proposed.

Based on the above, I request that Environmental Utilities application for wastewater service be denied.

Respectfully,

Nicolas Caussade  
[ncaussade@yahoo.com](mailto:ncaussade@yahoo.com)  
Palm Island Resident



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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** 'Tremblay'  
**Subject:** RE: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Tremblay:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Tremblay <jltremblay@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20200226-SU

Please read the attached letter opposing EU's attempt to install sewage at LGI. Thank you.

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:35 AM  
**To:** 'Judy Kelley'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Kelley:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Judy Kelley <jkelley3321@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:58 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing in opposition to Environmental Utilities' (EU) application to provide central sewer to Palm Island,

My name is Judy Kelley and I live on Palm Island Resort, currently being served by Knight Island Utilities (KIU), who is proposing hooking into EU's lines if that project proceeds. In that event, my understanding is that KIU will be acting as a pass-through company whose rates do not appear to be under any regulation as they are a not-for-profit organization. We have not been given any information as to how this will affect our rates on a monthly basis nor for initial hookup. I only know our average combined monthly bill for 3,000 gallons water & sewer is currently \$143, and the monthly charge for EU's customers not under KIU is estimated at \$266 for 4,000 gallons. This would almost double our current cost, and that doesn't include the added on rate that KIU decides to tack on.

I am also concerned with lack of technical experience of EU for doing this extent of work, and dealing with the maintenance of said project.

In addition, I am concerned with the actual financial capacity to complete the extent of work this requires.

If central sewer is deemed necessary on this island, it would be much more appropriate to have the work done by Charlotte County Utilities, or a contractor vetted by them who has extensive expertise for the installation and maintenance of this project.

I am requesting the commission deny EU's application for this wastewater project.

Best regards,

Judy Kelley

Physical address: 7454 Palm Island Drive

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** 'Candyce Cohen'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20200226-SU and Commenters outside the Criteria in Florida Administrative Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2)

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

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**From:** Candyce Cohen <candycecohen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:00 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Jennifer Crawford <jcrawfor@psc.state.fl.us>; Ryan Sandy <RSandy@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20200226-SU and Commenters outside the Criteria in Florida Administrative Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2)

**SUBJECT:** Docket #20200226-SU

March 16, 2022

Dear Commissioners Clark, LaRosa and Passidomo,

I have written previously to state my concerns about the Environmental Utilities LLC application and to request you DENY the application. In monitoring sentiment in docket number 20200226-SU to assess support and opposition, I wanted to share one more concern. The utility has a requirement to demonstrate a **need for service** by providing a copy of all requests for service from property owners or developers in areas not currently served. I would think non-residents and non-property owners are not impacted by the outrageous fees should be excluded as ineligible to comment either way as they do not meet the criteria defined in the Florida Administrative Code R 25-30.033(1)(k)(2).

Of 11 who corresponded in support of the EU application through March 15th:

5 are not residents in the affected area (living in other areas of Charlotte County or in Palm Island Resort serviced by Knight Island Utilities),

2 are not property-owners in the affected area and

7 originated from the same email address, EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM raising the question of authenticity of the communications as this is an email address operated by the applicant.

- Terri and William Woodworth are residents of Palm Island Resort and **NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA** and even state "we are residents in the resort. Yes, we have a sewer system. Yes, it needs repair."
- Chuck Soderquist gives a POBox and phone number, but is **NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA**. In fact, no Soderquist's are listed as currently owning property in the proposed service areas.
- Tammy ORourke states she is a resident of Charlotte County, but **NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA**,
- Randy Levy gives a phone number and email but the island address provided is listed in the name of Petrina Iverson, who did not send in a letter to the PSC. He is **NOT A PROPERTY OWNER** at least at the island address provided.
- Stewart and Sharon Saad who do not provide an address nor phone nor an email address and whose **email came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Brian Callahan who provides no address nor phone although there may be a valid email address in the body of the **email which also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Leslie Durrance who **provides no address nor phone nor email address** (no Durrance's are listed as owning property in the proposed service areas) and whose **email also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- A later submission by Chad Durrance lists an island addresses and a phone number but his **email also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Courtney DeFilipis, Courtney Boyer DeFilipis, John and Diane Boyer's daughter, would be a beneficiary of EU LLC via inheritance, is a realtor who gives no address, is **NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA** and **whose email also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Jonathan Wright the arborist is **NOT A RESIDENT IN THE SERVICE AREA** and whose **email also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)
- Nick no last name given who lists an address of a home owned by the two EU LLC principals, John and Diane Boyer. He is **NOT A PROPERTY OWNER** in the service area and **his email also came from EU777OFFICES@GMAIL.COM** (leaving it open for alteration by applicant)

Please add some extra scrutiny to the public correspondence on the docket as electronic communications make these type of testimonials easy to thwart. This is one reason why there is no single "form letter" in opposition - as we all feel it important that the commission hear from the heart of the matter for our residents.

Thank you again for your time, attention and service to Floridians and please take the preponderance of evidence into consideration and DENY this application.

Very kind regards,

/CC/

Candyce Cohen

8 Pointe Way, Don Pedro Island

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** 'Lindsay Yates'  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Yates:

Thank you for your email, dated March 16, 2022, which Commissioner Passidomo has received and read. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket No. 20200226-SU, *Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC*. We appreciate you providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lindsay Yates <lyates@springsips.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:31 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200226-SU

Commissioners:

My name is Lindsay Yates and I live at 2 Pointe Way on Don Pedro Island. I have written to you previously and I spoke at the February 9<sup>th</sup> public hearing. I have several more points to make in requesting that you deny the application of Environmental Utilities.

I was surprised to learn at the February hearings that the system EU proposes to use is the "step system" rather than the "grinder system" that we had previously been told was what EU was going to use. Having undertaken a quick crash course in the step system, I am having trouble understanding how this is going to be more environmentally sound than what we are using now. We are replacing one tank in the ground that processes all waste for another tank in the ground that is going to hold all the solids and still have to be pumped out? The tank is made of fiberglass? We have seen fiberglass pools on this island pop out of the ground under certain circumstances. So, what keeps it in the ground? A full tank? As a consumer, nothing about this proposed system makes any sense to me. We're going to tear up our yards, tear up our roads, incur additional expense for a generator to keep the system going during our frequent electric outages, and perhaps additional expense for electric upgrades – all on top of tap fees and construction costs – and then we're still going to have to pay for a pump out??? Sounds crazy to me.

In listening to the testimony at the hearings, I understood Ms. Swain or Mr. Boyer to say that he is entering into an agreement with Palm Island Transit that will give him a rate on barge transportation of approximately \$1,000 a month. That's a little hard to believe when we're talking about large construction equipment making many trips. Currently the per-vehicle charge for a passenger vehicle alone is \$55.00 per trip; a truck over ¾ ton is \$220; a large

dump truck \$625. This rate is a pipe dream and I think that EU's other projected costs for all phases of the project are underestimated.

It has been said that those opposed to the application just don't want to pay for central wastewater service. Not 100 percent true. The residents of these islands are more than willing to pay to take measures to improve the environment – be it water quality, air quality, nature conservation, eradication of invasive species – as long as they feel that they are paying for the best solution after in-depth study and consideration of ALL methods for a possibly improved method of waste disposal. At this point we do not feel that enough research has been done to prove that our septic systems are in fact contributing to the pollution of the surrounding waters; nor has enough research been done to prove that improved septic systems with an ongoing, required inspection system cannot be superior to central sewer. And, yes, those in opposition to this application do not want to pay for central wastewater service at exorbitant rates – up to 5 times what is being paid by our mainland neighbors. We are more than willing to pay if a proposed system makes sense and is operated by a reputable and experienced company that is not out to take advantage of its customers.

This is not a case of “I don't want to pay.” This is a case of “have all avenues been explored?” Is this really the most environmentally sound approach to a yet-to-be-proven problem? Is EU the best that Charlotte County can come up with to implement a wastewater treatment plan? We don't think so. Property owners on these islands feel so strongly about this issue that to date the PIE Action Fund established to oppose this application has collected \$87,000 from 190 donors – 40 of whom have made contributions of \$1,000 or more. I am making this statement as the Treasurer of Palm Island Estates Association. I believe that the level of donations indicates that a solid group of residents feel that EU is not the right company to be entrusted with a project of this magnitude.

I understand that most often supporters of an issue are perhaps not as vocal as the opponents of the issue. However, I have found the very low number of letters indicating support for the EU application rather interesting. I have not counted the number of letters in favor, but there have been very few. Most curious is that quite a few of the letters submitted in the several days following the February hearings were sent from the EU email account and many did not identify how they qualified as a stakeholder. More letters were sent subsequent to that time that indicated support for the project, but also did not identify an address or what their interest might be. And then there are some letter writers that are quite obviously not in the proposed service area. I hope those letters have been segregated out by staff.

Once again, I respectfully request that you deny the application of Environmental Utilities. Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Lindsay C. Yates  
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