

Docket No. 20240032-SU -Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC

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Dear Commissioners,

We strongly oppose issuing a certificate to Environmental Utilities, LLC to provide wastewater services as stated in this application.

There is no strong need for this service on Little Gasparilla Island. We have a house on this island and spend 5 months per year there, with occasional renters. Our septic system is working very well with this light usage.

The fact that Environmental Utilities, LLC totally lacks experience in wastewater management could lead to negative environmental impacts. There would also likely be negative effects on the residents if any part of this operation, which would not be overseen by knowledgeable engineers, might fail. After such a costly investment, there is no guarantee of a successful outcome in the short term or, more importantly, in the long term. This is far too risky, and residents should at least be offered the option to opt out.

Putting sewer lines in will drive the cost of living on the island sky high and will force many residents off the island. It will also pave the way for overdevelopment, which is not wanted by practically all of the residents who own property here.

Thank you for considering our apprehensions.

Respectfully,
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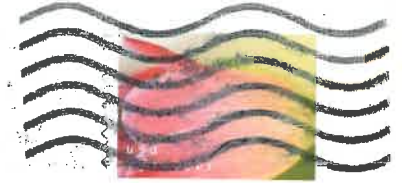




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