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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 4:54 PM
To: 'Bruce Kelsey'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Mr. Kelsey

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you

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Please deny the proposed Environmental Utilities application As a retired Florida professional engineer with pipeline design experience and having owned a home and property on Little Gasparilla Island for over 55 years, I urge you to consider my following concerns.

- 1) The staff and the service application did not consider that most of the homes in the service area are occupied part-time and vacant most of the time.
- 2) The ECR gal/day estimated assumptions were based on other areas with mostly full-time residents and should have been based on the historical records of potable water supplied by water companies in the service area
- 3) Probably, the actual ECR gal/day would produce much less revenue than estimated, and the conceptional design would be inadequate to keep the lines flushed out.
- 4) No environmental tests were made in or near the service area.
- 5) Greater risk of a break in the main line and a massive spill on an island or under the inland waterway
- 6) There are safer and more efficient individual home systems that are even more efficient than the proposed system for removing nitrogen
- 7) Although the county has endorsed the application, there is hearsay the county is now opposed to low- pressure systems in new developments on the mainland.
- 8) The county does not own wastewater systems on barrier islands for good reason. It is too difficult and time consuming to transport equipment and personal to the worksite by boats and barges. EU would have the same problem providing

service and dependability Conclusion Due to the average home on the islands having much less impact on the environment than septic tanks on the mainland, it would be safer, cheaper and more effective to wait for upgraded individual home systems that may qualify for government grants.

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