

**Antonia Hover**

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**From:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 8:27 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200226  
**Attachments:** Request to deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system Docket 20200226; In support of EU conversion of septic to sewer; Covert septic; I support EU sewer project; In support for sewer; RE Docket# 20200226-SU; Docket # 20200226-SU; docket # 20200226-SU; Docket#20200226-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

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**From:** Julie Imig <julie.imig@imig-llc.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 6:43 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Request to deny the application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system Docket 20200226

Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

My husband, George Shopp and I own the property at 9866 Little Gasparilla Island. We are writing to request that you deny Environmental Utilities' application for Original Certificate of Authorization for the proposed sewer system (Docket 20200226).

After reading expert testimony, it is not clear to me that degree of pollution from septic systems warrants installation of a sewer system.

I wonder if the potential environmental benefits of the proposed sewer system would be worth the disruption to the island. Numerous turtles, birds and other animals nest where the power lines run through our property (which I assume is where EU proposes accessing our property). We looked into burying power lines 5 years ago and one thing FPL told us that the turtle nest would need to be relocated at a cost of \$3000 per nest.

Is it known whether certain septic systems are causing problems and others aren't? Perhaps it would make more sense to assess the status of septic systems on the Island to ensure they are compliant. If it turns out we do need a sewer system, I would not entrust the planning and installation of a sewer system to a private company. What is the reasoning behind using a private company with no experience? Can the county take on this responsibility?

I have not seen any plan for the type of system or its installation. This will be a unique job and require expertise. It is my understanding that EU has no experience with sewer systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Imig and George Shopp.

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**From:** eu777offices@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:11 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk  
**Subject:** In support of EU conversion of septic to sewer

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to express my support of Environmental Utilities in their efforts of converting septic to sewer.

This will help improve the quality of our coast, waterways and wildlife.

As a local island broker associate with 17 years experience selling on the islands, I believe this will increase property values and quality of living for local residents.

Thank you,  
Courtney



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**From:** eu777offices@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:09 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk  
**Subject:** Covert septic

"I support Environmental Utilities efforts to convert septic to sewer"

Anything to improve our overall coastal water quality.

Jonathan Wright  
Certified Arborist.

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**From:** eu777offices@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk  
**Subject:** I support EU sewer project

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Begin forwarded message:

On Thursday, January 27, 2022, 1:34 PM, Brian Callahan <mrbriancallahan@gmail.com> wrote:

I support the EU sewer project

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**From:** eu777offices@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:06 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman Fay; Office of Commissioner Clark; Commission Clerk  
**Subject:** In support for sewer

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of Environmental Utilities LLC in their effort to convert septic to sewer.

Nick. 9296 Little Gasparilla Island

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**From:** Tracy December <tracydecember@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Cc:** Tony & Tracy December  
**Subject:** RE: Docket#20200226-SU

To Whom It May Concern:

Please deny Environmental Utilities application for waste water removal.

We see no need for a sewer system on our island. We have owned our home on Don Pedro for 20 years and treasure our lifestyle here.

Our biggest fears are that this construction will tear up our island, the natural landscape, the roads and the waterways during construction. There are not many places like this left in Florida. We do not need to develop these islands anymore. The septic systems have worked and are still working. We replaced our septic in 2019 along with all the new landscaping around it.

The numbers we are seeing regarding construction, hook up, maintenance and monthly service charges are alarming. And how do we hold this company accountable if things don't go as originally planned?

We don't need this.

Tracy and Tony December  
290 south Gulf Blvd #31  
Colony Don Pedro

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**From:** lagvascular@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:45 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** Docket # 20200226-SU

*Laura A. Gruneiro, M.D.  
20120 Granlago Drive  
Venice, FL 34293*

RE: Private Sewer Project, Docket # 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Passidomo:

I am writing to formally request that you deny EU's application for wastewater service to Palm Island in Charlotte County. I am a property owner within the proposed service area of Palm Island at 421 Kettle Harbor Drive, Placida. This is a small barrier island with mostly second homes that are unoccupied by owners or renters a large portion of the time. It is a rural area where owners make environmental conservation and wildlife preservation a high priority. As a rural area, Charlotte County has discouraged central sewer system infrastructure that would promote higher density residential or commercial development. We have a large gopher tortoise population and a thriving sea turtle nesting season that would be jeopardized by overdevelopment and potentially by large scale machinery brought in to run sewer pipes, install holding tanks, and crush existing septic systems. To my knowledge, there have been no studies of the water quality in this service area that prove contamination from the current septic systems. The county ordinance requires inspection and pumping of septic system at regular intervals and there have been no documented septic system failures. There is no guarantee that conversion to a sewer system will eliminate nitrate and phosphate contamination, as evidenced by the contamination documented in Rotunda. There is also the risk of a sewage leak into surrounding waterways which would be more catastrophic than an isolated septic system failure.

Until the need for conversion from septic to sewer on Palm Island is supported by water quality testing, I do not see the rush to grant EU permission to develop a private sewer system. I have not seen any concrete data showing the feasibility and cost of such a project. I do not believe EU has the technical expertise to undertake a sewer project. I strongly believe that if such a project is deemed necessary for environmental reasons, that it should be constructed and managed by Charlotte County, not a private company that has not determined costs of hook-up and maintenance and that will not be regulated to ensure that we Charlotte County residents will be charged fair and equitable rates as compared with other residents of the county. In addition, it is my understanding that the pump requires electricity, which is frequently disrupted on this island for long periods of time. This could cause sewage back-up. Disruption of the existing septic tanks on the island may require destruction of mature landscaping which in turn will affect wildlife on the island. I am also against the easement EU has requested that would go from the sewer equipment close to my home to the road. I have strong concerns regarding EU's ability to provide emergency service for sewer system issues, particularly on a barrier island only accessible by ferry from 6:30 am to 10 pm. Please, before rushing into such a large project with a private company without experience in sewer system construction, deny EU's application for wastewater service until you are presented with more data showing the need for such service and the cost for the installation and maintenance of such service.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Gruneiro M.D.  
lagvascular@aol.com



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**From:** Greg Rauth <greg.rauth@maxamtirena.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** clerk@psc.state; Commsissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Clark;  
Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Subject:** docket # 20200226-SU  
**Attachments:** LGI Sewer Issue Docket #20200226-SU.docx

Please vote NO, on docket 20200226-SU

Thank you

GREG RAUTH

Concerned Citizen

LGI Fla.

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**From:** bhurt@tampabay.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; 'Commissioner.'; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo  
**Cc:** kayehurt@att.net  
**Subject:** Docket#20200226-SU  
**Attachments:** island psc letter.docx

Please refer to attachment. Thank you

Date---Feb 6, 2022

To-----Florida PSC Commissioners

From—Barry and Kaye Hurt, 9666 Privateer Road, LGI

Re-----Docket# 20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners,

As a 20-year fulltime resident of Little Gasparilla Island, we are conflicted on this matter. As to the NEED for the sewer project, we are in agreement that it is needed. As a clam farmer and President of the SW Florida Shellfish Association, the impact of Submerged Groundwater Discharge into our estuary is proven to us both by recent scientific research and our own observation. The increase in frequency and intensity in noxious microalgae such as Florida red tide and macroalgae clogging our waterways and blocking critical sunlight needed by seagrasses, is having a devastating effect on our waters. The University of Florida estimated the economic impact of the 2018-2019 red tide event was at least some \$650 million dollars. Our shellfish farms were closed for harvest for some 14 months. Long time family farms went out of business and have been unable to reopen. In the last 4 years, we have recently lost over 20% of our seagrasses. Again, the need to reduce nutrient levels in Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay is unquestioned in our mind.

Our conflict is in HOW we proceed. As homeowners, we want to proceed in an expedient and professional manner utilizing the most proven cost effective and technologically secure approach. We also need to be able to take advantage of any and all cost reductions and deferments available to us. We are not so-called 'big government' people, but there is a need for government in some cases. We believe this is one. We are bewildered as to why a bond issue with the input and administration of experienced sewer professionals is seemingly not an option for us at this time.

We ask that you consider a pause in your decision to award a contractor until a time more unanswered questions can be made clearer. Included in this is an exploration of a special not for profit sewer district which I have the understanding does have the power under Florida law to create a bond issue, apply for grant funding, and has some taxation advantages. We believe this pause would be in the best interest of all property owners at this point. A reasonable delay would not dramatically affect current nutrient levels as our barrier island homes represent a small fraction of the septic systems that need to be eventually changed over.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barry and Kaye Hurt

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