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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 3:52 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032  
**Attachments:** DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU; DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU; DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

Betty A. Leland, Executive Assistant to  
Commissioner Art Graham  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** LGI GUY <lgiguy@lgiguy.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 2:49 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioner,

After thoroughly reviewing the staff report, I am appalled by the blatant disregard for facts and the staff's unwarranted support for this application.

There is no local support for this proposal. The overwhelming majority of island residents stand firmly against it. I urge you to visit our unique piece of old Florida—accessible only by private vessel—and speak directly with the community to fully understand the impact of your decision.

The applicant has no experience in this field, and the proposed system is neither functional nor a legitimate central sewer system. If approved, it will result in an ecological disaster. I am well-acquainted with such systems, and they fail under power outages and flooding conditions. Any commissioner who votes in favor will bear responsibility for the consequences.

Additionally, staff has overlooked the necessity and cost of easements. The applicant's other utility company has already unlawfully seized my property in two separate locations without permission, invitation, or legal due process. For years, he has profited illegally from my land without repercussions. Approving this sewer company will follow the same pattern, with the county being used as a tool to force compliance, just as was done with the water utility.

A vote in favor of this application is not a vote for responsible sewer management—it is a vote to enrich one individual at the expense of our island's integrity. Our community treasures its old Florida charm, and it deserves your protection. I urge you to vote for denial.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

William J. Meyers

8154 Little Gasparilla Island  
Placida, FL 33946

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 3:17 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Cc:** Rhonda Freeman  
**Subject:** DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Our address is 8342 Grand Ave, Placida FL and we oppose EU being granted the sewer

We experience very regular breaks in the water service. What if this was a large sewage spill?

And the cost is prohibitive. We are retired and so are many neighbors Thank you Sarah

Sarah Crymes  
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**From:** workman patricia <nurseoc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 3:22 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Fay  
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**Attachments:** septic letter 3-25-25.pdf

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March 25, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Patricia Workman and I have been a homeowner on Little Gasparilla Island for 23 years.

I have seen many changes on the Island over those years and am not opposed to change when well planned, and consideration given to the preservation of the Island environment, feasibility of the cost to homeowners and reliability and expertise of the applicant.

- Our Island does not have a traditional road system – burying present utility and water lines causes issues with access and disturbing other utilities – sewer pipes would be overwhelming.
- The cost to homeowners is unreasonably high. Every time we hire a contractor for anything we pay at least double what it would cost on the mainland. This system as proposed would be an ongoing and increasing cost, unaffordable to most owners, some who need to share their homes with guests at least part time just to pay taxes and insurance.
- New, county approved septic systems are being installed on the Island as needed – I had a new system installed by a licensed contractor 7 years ago and this would have to be dismantled and filled at my expense.

- Emergency access and repair is very difficult for any utility issues on the Island. Most homes are not occupied full-time. I have concerns about how this would be dealt with.

Testimony at the recent hearings was very clear that the majority of the Islanders are not in favor of this system.

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