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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:59 PM
To: 'Debbie Daugherty'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Debbie Daugherty.

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

Thank you!

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I am writing to urge you to DENY EU's application for wastewater service to Little Gasparilla Island. I attended the hearings held in Charlotte County and spoke in opposition to EU request to serve. I also listened to over 100 residents vocalizing the opposition to this request. Reading the staff recommendation and seeing there are only 29 requests to serve and many more in opposition to wastewater service on our island was shocking. Our island is a unique place and we bought our residence there for the lack of commercialization and hopes of preserving the natural coastal environment. This application by EU goes against the many reasons we purchased our home on Little Gasparilla Island.

In reading the staff recommendation, I was also surprised to see the PSC does not weigh in on property rights and easements to serve customers. The staff report says that is governed by others. Each and everyone home will have to provide land for EUs grinder pump station and provide easements for collection piping. It is apparent in their application that EU has not accounted appropriately for what effort that will take to accomplish. I know from my experience in providing water and wastewater service to my utility customers what is required. The question is what will Mr Boyer do? From what I've seen of how he operates the water system, he will install his pipes without proper easements. My own property has an easement for ingress/egress and a specific easement granted to FPL for electric utility service. There is no proper easement for the water pipe that runs along my property. While the PSC does not weigh in on property rights, it feels like you should weigh in on the entity and people you are approving to hold the wastewater certificate. Much of the opposition to the sewer system is derived from WHO will be the holder of the wastewater certificate. I personally do not believe the island needs a centralized wastewater system, but if it "has" to have one, I urge you to please pick a responsible party who will construct and operate the system properly. EU is not that party. Wastewater systems are very different from a water system and it is imperative that any system installed is properly install and operated or it can cause more environmental harm than good.

I hope the PSC commissioners will reflect back on the public hearings that were held and remember that it was clear to everyone that the majority of the island residents are opposed to the wastewater certificate being granted to EU.

I urge you again to PLEASE DENY EU's APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE.

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