From: Betty Leland

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:04 PM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

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Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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From: Troy Noor <troy@blvdwealth.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:02 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of

Commissioner Graham; Records Clerk

Cc: Stacey Noor

Subject: Docket # 20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

Our names are Troy and Stacey Noor. We are owners of LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island Unit E4 which is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). We are writing this letter to ask you to **deny** the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

132 families that are directly affected have not been notified. 132 families currently using a DEP permitted septic plant do not need a sewer line brought to our property. 132 families have no idea what the financial burden will be if this transmission line is brought to our property.

We have already undergone 2 ½ years of enormous financial burdens in carrying costs and renovations since Hurricane Ian. This will put additional financial distress on our residents at a time when we can least afford it.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

EU made the change to the location of the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to the HBBC property. Even though we were excluded from the scope of this application on May 13, 2024 (Doc # 03001-2024) by EU's attorney, this change directly affects every one of the owners at HBBC. We were not notified of this substantial change to the application. This is a direct violation of one of the tenets by which the PSC should base their decision - proper notification of all involved parties. This change to the application without notification denies the owners at HBBC of our due process to be able to fight this change.

The letter from the HBBC lawyer, Nick Porter dated February 28, 2025 (Doc #01210-2025) also states HBBC's position in this matter. I was extremely disappointed the PSC staff did not take into account this oversight in notification in their recommendation.

132 Families are being denied their due process because of the change made by EU without notification.

If EU plans to use the model as indicated in the 2017 CC SMP, the pump house for the sewer will be built on the HBBC Septic Plant drain field. Building anything on our drain field will result in the community being shut down completely while the construction is underway. It will also force us to hook up to the EU sewer despite being excluded from the scope of this project. How can this be done without any kind of notification? Again, 132 families are being denied our due process.

Because we were excluded from the scope of this application, there have been no estimates of the hook up costs for the condos. If this scenario plays out, HBBC would have to be the first people forced to hook up to the sewer system. We wouldn't have any recourse to this questionable action by EU, we wouldn't have any

indication of the costs associated with this action, we wouldn't be able to use our homes resulting in additional living expenses until the initial sewer construction was completed and we would have to assume the costs of decommissioning our septic plant. Is this fair & reasonable for the 132 families that are excluded from the scope of this application.

Again, please do the right thing and deny this application.

Thank you,

Troy and Stacey Noor E-4

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From: Debbie Daugherty <ufdaugherty@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:58 PM

To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;

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Subject: DENY EU APPLICATION - RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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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 that good.

I hope the PSC commissioners will reflect back on the public hearings that where held and the 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.

Debbie Daugherty 9850 Little Gasparilla Island Current Water/Wastewater Officer for Gainesville Regional Utilities 26 years of design, construction, and operation of water and wastewater systems ufdaugherty@yahoo.com

From: Raymond Purdy <raymondpurdy@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:55 PM

To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;

Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Chairman La Rosa;

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With all due respect to the PSC Commissioners,

Just because something is legal, doesn't mean it is the right thing to do. The legal aspect completely ignores the Golden Rule of Luke 6-31 and Matthew 7:12: "Do unto others and you would have them do unto you". I could come up with hypotheticals all day long, but let's just say you have a beautiful architectural shingle roof on your house that still has 30 years before it needs replaced. Along comes Jack Boyer, the environmental roofer, who has convinced local politicians that a petroleum-based roofing material is not good for the environment and every home, including yours, must switch to a metal roof. Hear comes Jack, with a legal notice in hand, knocking on your door, telling you that he is going to replace your roof and you are going to pay the bill. It gets worse, you are going to continue to pay Jack in perpetuity for service on your roof. You, as the legal owner of your home, have no rights and get zero benefit as your current roof is just the way you like it and it is costing you nothing. Too bad, PAY JACK for a new roof, or else!

What Jack Boyer is doing and what the PSC Commissioners are considering is un-American. The thought that any arm of our government would support the idea of a private individual being allowed to force himself on other citizens FOR PROFIT makes me want to puke.

This fight is far from over. I suggest you end it now and deny Jack Boyer's application for an unwanted and unnecessary sewer system on our islands. Keep Jack Boyer's money-grubbing hands out of my pockets!

Respectfully,

Maj Raymond Purdy, USAF, Ret. 9888 LGI

From: Korrie Stevenson < stevensonkorrie@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:34 PM

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Commissioners of the Public Service Commission:

I am a property owner at 9700 Little Gasparilla Island which is a property within the service area of the proposed wastewater service, Docket #20240032-SU

I formally object and request that PSC <u>deny</u> Environment Utilities (EU) application for wastewater service.

The homes, on average, do not have heavy usage. Half of them are empty at any given time and all very easily managed with a properly maintained septic. A sewer system is a terrible 'solution' to a misdiagnosed problem.

Additionally, there is no plausible reason to understand how this is even permitted to be bought to the table yet again after it was previously denied for the incredible amount of reasons from outrageous costs initially and ongoing to environmental hazards to the extreme maintenance and electricity it must have. It is simply and truly reprehensible.

This is about ONE family that wants to make a massive amount of income off of our land and our residents. It is that simple. The amount of financial and area devastation for so many with their homes on the island water 3 major hurricanes is reason alone to point out the obvious.

In good conscience, there is no possible way for this to be approved by the PSC and is yet again a waste of everyone's time and resources.

Thank you,

Korrie Stevenson 9700 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida FL 33946 <u>stevensonkorrie@gmail.com</u>

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Dear PSC Commissioners-

Please reject the Environmental Utilities application for sewer on Little Gasparilla Island. The proposed sewer is an environmental, financial, corporation and legal disaster in every way:

- -environmental disaster because it is at high risk of failing / overflowing and dumping sewage into our precious waterways. One electrical failure (which happens frequently on LGI) shuts off sewer service for everyone = this makes no sense!
- -financial disaster because the company is private and therefore owners cannot apply for financial assistance through available programs. the real cost to each homeowner will be in the \$50,000 range, which is -unaffordable to many, especially after we have been slammed with costs related to Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton -corporation disaster because the company has NO experience in providing sewer service -legal disaster because the EU demand for right of way onto each property will be the subject of many legal challenges. The law does not give them the right they need in order to buildi this sewer system.

Everyone wants to protect our waterways and upgrade our usage programs, but it needs to be done right, not rushed. EU, LLC is not qualified, and its being private hurts owners financially.

We need a qualified, experienced company to investigate and address the sewer need on LGI, one that can apply for grants to help defray our costs. This can be done, but NOT with Environmental Utilities LLC

I attended the Hearings and the sentiment was overwhelmingly against the EU plan based on sound engineering / environmental / legal etc reasoning, so I was shocked that the recommendation was in favor.

PLEASE help preserve one of the very last holdouts of the beautiful Old Florida way of life, which is a joy not only to owners, but to the many visitors who sing its praises. The EU plan is a gateway to further development on LGI, which will destroy the way of life here, the very thing that attracts tourists to our beautful island.

PLEASE VOTE NO

Thank you Stuart Mendel 8942 Gulf Street Placida, FL 33946 shmendel@usa.net

From: Iterating <iterating@pm.me>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:15 PM

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Thank you Jennie Freiman 8942 Gulf Street Placida, FL 33946 iterating@pm.me