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From: Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 8:29 AM
To: 'Alice Payne'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Plea for Thoughtful Consideration

Good Morning Mr. and Mrs. Payne

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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From: Alice Payne <avpayne@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 2:15 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Plea for Thoughtful Consideration

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter of concern. We own a Condo on Little Gasparilla Island at Hideaway Bay Beach Club. You know for the last year or so we heard and read discussions concerning the proposed sewer plan by Environmental Utilities for LGI. We were concerned for all the homeowners on island as they have endured so much with the 3 major hurricanes, Ian, Helene, and Milton. We heard about the tremendous cost per home and the feeling of helplessness by not having much say in this decision for something that will not improve living conditions. As a resident of HBBC we were assured that this would not affect our situation because HBBC was outside the scope of this project. We have our own approved sewage treatment system which serves our community. You can imagine our surprise to learn last week that the plan is now to change the location of the wastewater transmission line to the HBBC property without proper notice to our community. Why would the line be built on our property when we were excluded from the project? Furthermore, we are hearing that EU's new project would need to build their Pump House on our drain field, thus requiring HBBC to shut down our treatment plant. Not only would this be extremely expensive it would shut down the use of our homes for weeks or months to accomplish that task. This would affect 132 families. The Condo owners, like the homeowners, of LGI are still in the recovery and rebuilding process from the devastating hurricanes and the insurance battles. Please do not add to the burden by allowing this Sewer application from EU to proceed without more study. We were not even notified properly about this impactful change of location. Our Condo is located in Building C. In looking at the proposed plan this pipeline would take out our barge landing which we need for supplies; it would follow the road right beside our building which is our entryway and with easements would essentially close our road; and our view would be overtaken by a Pump House.

Please do the right thing and deny the EU application for a certificate to install sewers on the island.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence & Alice Payne
HBBC Unit C9