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To:	Commissioner Correspondence
Subject:	Docket No. 20240032
Attachments:	Proposed EU application for wastewater services; Docket #20240032 - Environmental Utilities Application for Sewer System Certificate

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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То:	Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith
Subject:	Proposed EU application for wastewater services

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Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I are the owners of Unit F-10 at Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) Condos at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island. We are writing this letter to ask you to **DENY** the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

EU made the change to the location of the waste water transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to the HBBC property. Even though Hideaway was 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 cannot understand how any committee, team, or attorney in the world could allow this change to have taken place without notification to the property on which the change will take place. We were not notified of this substantial change to the application, which is a violation to the tenet of proper notification to involved parties. This includes 132 families. 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.

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 could potentially result in the community being shut down completely while the construction is underway. This would disrupt people's lives tremendously after we are barely recovered from 3 major hurricanes in recent memory. It will also force us to hook up to the EU sewer despite being excluded from the scope of this project and despite the fact that we have our own water treatment at this time and are not asking for or looking for sewers at this time.

Hideaway residents have not been notified, currently use a DEP permitted septic system, and do not need a sewer line brought to our property.

Please deny this application and stop EU from pursuing what will benefit themselves and not Hideaway residents.

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Commissioner Passidomo,

My name is Greg Holt and my family owns a condo unit at Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) on Little Gasparilla Island. I have just recently been made aware of an effort by Jack Boyer and Environmental Utilities (EU) to once again receive certification to install a sewer system on the island. I am writing this letter to request you vote against this application.

The efforts by Jack for an island sewer system dates back to the 2017 Charlotte County Sewer Master Plan and is the subject of EU's application for an island sewer system. (Doc.#01108-2024 dated 0/11/2024). This application included moving the location of the waste water transmission line, from Don Pedro State Park to HBBC property, to include the property where our sewer system is located on and an access road. This system not only serves the HBBC community but also processes waste water from the the Placida Condos located north of the HBBC property. After hearings before the Commission an amendment to the EU application was subsequently made to exempt HBBC and our sewer system from the scope of the document (Doc.#03001-2024 dated 05/13/2024).

It has now come to the attention of the HBBC homeowners that once again Jack is attempting to receive approval of an island septic system that includes the HBBC property which was exempted from the scope of the project. This has been done without HBBC homeowners receiving direct notification which impacts our investment and confiscates land owned by us under eminent domain. Without notification we have been denied the opportunity to appear before the Commission and challenge Jack's renewed attempt to obtain ownership of a significant portion of HBBC property. A letter to the Commission from HBBC attorney Nick Porter clearly states HBBC's position to this application (Doc#01210-2025 Dated 02/28/2025).

As a note, I am a past president and member of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club HOA Board of Directors. In that capacity I have dealt directly with the maintenance and improvement of our septic system over the years. This DEP permitted septic system serves HBBC and Placida Condos well and receives constant maintenance and upgrades by a licensed waste water management company. It also undergoes periodic inspection by DEP to ensure it meets operational, environmental and safety standards. If the EU application is approved not only will we lose our septic system and the land associated with it, we will have the burden of decommissioning the system. We will also give up control of the road along the southern border of the property which passes directly in front of three of the condo buildings. Two of these buildings rely on this road to allow owners access to their units.

We also have not been given any indication by Jack or EU as to the cost of the mandatory hookup for each condo or the time frame for the project. As a past president of the BOD I have had interactions with Jack as they relate to HBBC and Gasparilla Water. I have found him to be unreliable, both in his word and actions. I have no reason to believe this will change in the future.

From the time of the amendment to remove HBBC from the scope of the project to today nothing has occurred that would support the reversal of this amendment. What has occurred is our efforts to recover from three major hurricanes, Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton, which impacted HBBC. A recovery that includes maintaining the viability of our sewer system to serve our community along with protecting the environmental integrity of Little Gasparilla Island. I am deeply concerned about the negative impact of this application to Little Gasparilla Island as a whole and specifically to Hideaway Bay Beach Club.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter and again urge the Commission to deny this application.

Respectfully,

Greg Holt