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**To:** 'Harry Vaughn'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032 - Objection Letter

Good Morning, Harry Vaughn.

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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Dear Commissioners,

I am Harry Vaughn, owner of Unit K10 at LGI, 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, within the Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condominiums (HBBC). I respectfully urge you to deny Environmental Utilities' (EU) application for a Certificate of Authorization to install sewers on our island.

It is deeply troubling that, despite the EU's initial representation excluding HBBC—and by extension, the 132 families who reside here—from its proposed service area, the EU has now unilaterally modified its project. On May 2, 2024, Hideaway Bay submitted an objection to the EU's wastewater certification, and on May 13, 2024, the EU amended its application to remove HBBC and Placida Beach condominiums from its service area. In that filing, the EU stated it was never its intent to apply its septic-to-sewer project to our community. Yet, in its recent rebuttal testimony and technical hearing, the EU introduced significant, last-minute changes to its

wastewater collection system design. Notably, the EU now proposes two new force mains connecting the system to the mainland, including an 8-inch pressure main that will cross HBBC's property—a stark departure from its earlier plan of a single force main routed from Don Pedro/Little Knight Island across the Cape Haze peninsula.

These modifications have profound implications for our community. The new proposal not only contradicts EU's prior representations but also incorporates a proposed stub-out for a future connection to HBBC and Placida Beach condominiums. This is particularly alarming given that our interests were explicitly excluded from the project scope. The revised plan could jeopardize our existing wastewater treatment facility—an asset managed by Hideaway Bay under a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection—and impose unforeseen financial and operational burdens on our community. Construction on our septic plant drain field could force a shutdown of our wastewater service, compel us to connect to the EU system without proper due process, and expose us to unknown hookup and decommissioning costs.

Furthermore, the EU's failure to notify HBBC of these substantial changes is a direct violation of the due process owed to us. Despite the clear and material impact on our property and our community's interests, the EU neither addressed these concerns during the hearings nor provided proper notice of these hearings, further denying us the opportunity to respond.

In light of these serious issues—the abrupt and unnotified modifications to the EU's proposal, the direct threat to our existing infrastructure, and the potential for significant financial burdens—I respectfully request that you deny the EU's application in order to protect the rights and interests of all HBBC owners.

Sincerely,

Harry Vaughn