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Good Afternoon Ms. Kelsey

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

Thank you

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Re: EU Application for Central Sewer Docket # 20240032-SU

**Summary – (Quotes from Context)**

"There are many other low-nitrogen options to consider."

"Why are we not looking at all options available, deciding the best option, then pursuing through bids the company best suited to provide the best option?"

"Any process that excludes many viable options in favor of one option, while not allowing discussion of all options, seems to be an absurd result of the process."

"Only you can give us access to them, by denying this application."

## Context

Thank you, Commissioner, for taking your time to serve our communities and the great State of Florida.

I am a real estate investor with a marine biology background. I have contracted to the Army Corp of Engineers managing my team in monitoring various marine constructions for their impacts on marine endangered species. My family has owned on LGI since 1968 to this day.

At the service hearings, with only 3 minutes to speak, I myself gave witness to – not the lack of testing to prove the waters around my island need “cleaning,” but I brought evidence produced by the State of Florida that the waters **have been tested and designated “outstanding Florida Waters”** suggesting the State of Florida itself has already determined **there is no need.**

For all the testimony given for two full days, the following did not come up.

There are many other low-nitrogen options to consider, offering benefits such as:

- Much lower nitrogen output than the current wastewater treatment being proposed.
- Much less risk to sensitive marine environments than untreated slurry under pressure in pipes all over the islands and through our pristine Outstanding Florida Waters.
- Will continue servicing our homes during very frequent electrical outages on the island (It doesn't take a storm for the power to go out. Storms bring extended outages).
- Risks are isolated to a few individual homes rather than a conglomerated slurry of solids and liquids under pressure collected from an entire island chain.
- If there is an event at an individual house, the output is such low nitrogen that we can reclaim it, so if it escapes the system, little to no harm is done.
- Pumping slurry through the ICW and Florida Outstanding Waters imposes long term risks and the potential for catastrophic environmental events that could unfold for months or years before being discovered, whereas individual homes cannot impose a catastrophic threat.
- There is nothing “low-nitrogen” about the slurry of solids and liquids that will pump under pressure through Florida's treasured islands and through Florida's outstanding waters. But what leaves our localized tanks out into drain fields would be low enough nitrogen to reclaim it. Where is the environmental risk in such a case? The current wastewater treatment of Charlotte County has much higher nitrogen output, yet is sold to local golf courses as reclaimed and distributed causing runoff into our waterways and estuaries. A local drainfield at an individual home will likely never enter any water body, but if it did, it would be at extremely low density compared to golf courses AND be much lower nitrogen levels .

Many of us islanders have been looking into these types of systems, but for all of our good intentions for the environment, **we cannot move forward on purchasing and installing these lower nitrogen, lower cost, lower risk, lower maintenance, sensible systems because we are hijacked by this EU application.** If we invest in them, **we will be forced to destroy them** within a designated period of time with a forced connection to EU's system that we deem as *highly dangerous* to our properties and our pristine marine environment.

**So the objection is – why are we not looking at all options available, deciding the best option, then pursuing through bids the company best suited to provide the best option?**

Why, if there are many solid, viable reasonable solutions available, has the process completely excluded even discussions of these options? Do we risk the rewriting of the book, "The Everglades River of Grass?"

Any process that excludes many viable options in favor of one option, while not allowing discussion of all options seems to be an absurd result of the process.

Only you can swing open that doorway to allow us the opportunity to explore all solutions - existing out there right now.

Only you can give us access to them, **by denying this application**

Only you can give us the necessary time to compare the many solutions that promise much hope for our islands. The fate of these Florida barrier islands rests in your hands.

You hold a lot of power in your hands. Please search your heart, use good judgement, and apply logic. Give our islands the best future.

I cannot thank you enough for your consideration of this issue.

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