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From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: Docket #20240032; Don Pedro Island Sewer Request - docket #20240032-SU; EU Application for Sewer Certificate for barrier islands; Docket # 20240032. Please DENY this proposal; Please oppose Docket # 20240032 Environmental Utilities application for providing sewer services to bridge less barrier islands in Charlotte Founty; RE. Docket # 20240032-SU; Re: RE. Docket #20240032-SU; docket # 20240032 ; Fwd: RE. Docket # 20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032 ; Docket #20240032 EU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032; Docket #20240032-SU; Proposed EU application for wastewater services; Docket #20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032 Request to Deny EU application; Deny EU Application ; Docket #2020032 - Environmental Utilities Application for Sewer System Certificate; EU Application: Docket # 20240032

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20240032. Thank you!

Hannah E. Branum

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Clark

Florida Public Service Commission

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From: Jessica Mack <jsmack6091@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 6:45 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark
Subject: Docket #20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jessica Mack. I am an owner on LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island Unit G9 which is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC) and at 9480 Alborado Road. I am writing this letter to ask you to **deny** the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

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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.

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.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Jessica Mack

HBBC Unit G9

Antonia Hover

From: G.S. Buhler <gsbuhler@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:36 PM
To: Commissioner.Grahm@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith
Subject: Don Pedro Island Sewer Request - docket #20240032-SU

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I am writing to request that this commission vote in favor of removing the old septic systems and replace with a sewage system. I have been a Floridian my entire life and have always been close or on the water. Over the years, I have read many studies on the environmental impact of septic tanks on our very fragile ecosystem. I have never found one survey that is positive on septic tanks. There are many home owners on the island that understand the need for this system - most are working weekend residents that can not go to meetings and put up signs. The organization on Don Pedro called PIE is brain washing their members on negatives. Their number one issue is cost. You can not put a price tag on clean water. There are no negatives - there is only one solution which is protect our environment. I have been on the island for 25 years and spend most of time on the island around the water or sometimes working in my yard. My lot is 5 ft above sea level - if I dig a hole I hit water in about 2-3 feet- this is the same water directly behind my home in the canal. This would be true about most homes on the island. Many homes on the island have owners come in for a month a year while the house sits empty the rest of the year. There are owners who maintain their tanks, but just as many that do not. Drive around and look at the deferred maintenance - do you really think they are spending money on their septic tank. With this mind regarding all of these septic tanks and drain fields this close to the water line - let me describe our shoreline. Most shorelines are mangroves - mangroves consist of tall tree like sections above the water and a root system below the surface. During late spring, these roots are the home to most of fish species - the roots are where they lay their eggs. If you look down in May when the water is clear and it is low tides - you will see hundreds of thousands of fish eggs attached to these roots. There will reach a point where the leakage into the canals will kill these eggs. This area is called the Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve- a nature preserve. We can not allow sewage to seep into our nature preserve.

Please do the right thing here and bring a modern sewage system to our island to preserve these waters for my kids.

Thank you
Gary Buhler
55 Bayshore Circle

Here are the three commissioners involved w Environmental Utilities case....

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Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us
Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us

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From: Hankin Family <DHankin@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:02 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Cc: Hankin Family
Subject: EU Application for Sewer Certificate for barrier islands

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to ask you to please deny the application for sewer certificate requested by Environmental Utilities (EU). My family and I are owners of Unit I-8 at Hideaway Bay Beach Club on Little Gasparilla Island. We have been coming to this paradise since 1974 and have witnessed a lot of changes over the years, almost none of them good. I believe the changes that would occur with the proposed sewer system would fall into that category.

There are so many questions and comments, but I will try to be on point with this:

- Why is a sewer system even being considered?
- Is this grinder pump low pressure system even the right style of system?
- All owners on the Islands outside of the condominiums (as we already have a permitted system) do not want a sewer system
- Owners say they do not need a sewer system
- Owners say it will be too expensive (forcing many folks to sell of their island homes that have been the family for years)
- The environmental impact could be devastating and is not worth the risk (what can go wrong will go wrong).

This whole application seems to be being jammed down our throats. And to make matters worse is that the applicant has made changes to the original plan submitted to you without notifying our Hideaway Bay Beach Club Association (which they want to place a pump station on our property). We have been denied our due process by not being given proper notification. This EU outfit currently supplies us the most expensive water in the state of Florida for a public utility. I can only assume that a sewer system would also be the most expensive.

For these reasons, I ask you to deny the application for sewer certificate to EU.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter.

Dave Hankin
352-816-5645

Antonia Hover

From: Fred Boykin <fboykin@bicyclesouth.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:45 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham; Records Clerk
Subject: Docket # 20240032. Please DENY this proposal

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To the Public Service Commission:

I own unit J-6 at Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) and have owned it since 1998. At our monthly board meeting zoom call held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, owners on the call (including me) were apprised of the current status of Environmental Utilities (EU) attempts to install a waste water pipe to LGI. It was quite a surprise to find out that the latest plan shows the main pipe comes ashore at HBBC's barge landing, runs under our road on the south edge of our property and through our drainfield.

All these changes with NO NOTICE to anyone at HBBC. This impacts our ability to bring a pump-out truck ashore to service our treatment plant, ruins the treatment plant itself, denies owners who use the road to access their units. There is also a major electrical transmission line installed under that same road not that long ago by Florida Power & Light. In addition, HBBC was excluded from the project by EU in May of 2024 (#03001-2024) and suddenly added to their proposal with no notice to HBBC owners, our board or our attorney. HBBC has an operating treatment plant permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). HBBC and Placida Beach condos that use our plant do not need EU's proposal.

I ask the Public Service Commission to deny this plan.

Fred Boykin
Hideaway Bay Beach Club J-6
404-668-4274

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Antonia Hover

From: Craig Grant <craiggrant2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; commissionerpassidomo@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Please oppose Docket # 20240032 Environmental Utilities application for providing sewer services to bridge less barrier islands in Charlotte Founty

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Dear Florida PSC Commioners

Please oppose/ deny EU's application to provide sewer services for LGI and other bridge less barrier islands.

As an owner on the island for over 15 years. The following reasons specifically apply to Little Gasparilla Island (LGI). Most also apply to the other bridge less barrier islands.

LGI has approximately 390 houses and about 150 condos. Houses on the island have septic systems. The condos have their own septic/sewer system that is regulated by the state of Florida.

Few houses or condos have full time residents throughout the island; thus resulting in less stress on the systems and less discharge from the septic systems.

LGI is predominantly a private island. There are very few right of ways. Most sand paths are on private property.

Most lots are fairly small 50 x100 ft. So giving up property to give access for right of ways is unrealistic for a lot of the property owners.

The petitioner requesting approval for the sewer service applications principal has strong ties to the utility providing water services to LGI.

The system proposed; as I understand is similar to the Charlotte County system providing services in Placida mainland Florida. I've owned a house in Winward and my system has had to be dug up 4 times in the 15 years I owned the house. In fact it was dug up again last week. Unfortunately I did not get a pick of the 3 monster trucks and back home for the digging. This is certainly not a system I would want on LGI. I will include a pic of the current status.

Large equipment must be barged to the island. To make repairs. Charlotte County was reluctant to provide hurricane Helene and Milton help due to the logistics. Fortunately they decided to do the right thing to provide hurricane debris removal assistance.

Use of large equipment during the removal of hurricane debris we had many water main breaks because of the poor infrastructure of the water lines. Not buried deep enough and unprotected access points as a part of their design.

A central system consolidates the sewer into a single point or a few points of consolidation. A break in one of critical pieces could be far far worse than a limited number of septic systems that are used only on a part time basis.

The cost of the proposed system is ridiculous. The proposed hook up fees and proposed recurring monthly fees are unacceptable.

Proof of the actual need of service is non-existent vs. the part time used existing septic infrastructure.

Your denial of EU's sewer application would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,

Craig Grant
913-314-4146

9476 Alborado - LGI

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Antonia Hover

From: Holly Parrish <hollyparrish@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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To whom it may concern,

We are truly begging for DENIAL of the application for central sewer on Don Pedro island.

As residents , we have not seen any indication of the islands septic systems being detrimental to our health or environment nor do we feel enough evidence has been done to show we are in need of central sewer.

We also do not feel we have the infrastructure necessary to do this on the island.

We have been in constant rebuild and repair and it's taken a huge financial toll on our community. We just aren't able to keep up with more expenses nor do we need something that isn't broken.

Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you!
Holly Parrish
Steve Parrish

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From: Holly Parrish <hollyparrish@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Re: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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540 N Gulf - is our residence. My apologies for leaving this off.
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Cameron Peterson <lush0@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 12:32 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: docket # 20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Cameron Peterson. I own unit C7 at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island which is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). I am writing this letter to ask you to deny the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

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Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Cameron and Stacey Peterson
HBBC Unit C7

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From: Cathy Derr <cathy@gwamarillo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 12:34 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith;
Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Fwd: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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We have been in constant rebuild and repair and it's taken a huge financial toll on our community. We just aren't able to keep up with more expenses nor do we need something that isn't broken.

Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you!
Cathy Derr
530 N Gulf , Placida

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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.

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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

Troy Noor, CFP®, CFA

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From: gasparillaville <gasparillaville@mindspring.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 5:30 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032 EU
Attachments: PSC letter 3 28 2025.pdf

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Dear Commissioners,

Please consider the attached letter before the commission votes on the EU petition under Docket 20240032.

Sincerely,

Dwayne and Gena Huebner

Dwayne & Gena Huebner
PO Box 323
Placida, FL 33946

March 28, 2025

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
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clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Dear Commissioners,

RE: Docket # 20240032

Our names are Dwayne & Gena Huebner. We are displaced full-time resident of LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island Unit C4. This is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos (HBBC). We say displaced because our unit is still deemed by Charlotte County as not habitable due to damage suffered during Hurricane Ian in 2022. 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 changed the location of the waste water transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to the HBBC property—our property! How can that be when 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 should have been made to all affected parties! The change to the application without notification denies the owners at HBBC of our due process to be able to fight this change. All of this at a time when so many of us are still trying to get back into our home after the back-to-back hurricanes.

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

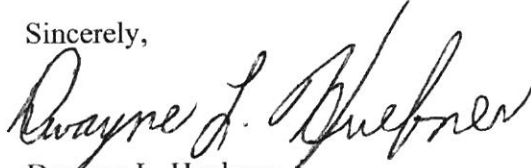
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Our exclusion from the process causes much uncertainty. There have been no estimates of the hook up costs for the condos. Would HBBC be the first people forced to hook up to the sewer system because of the construction on our property? Will our only recourse will be legal action that will further burden the owners with even more expense? This year we hope to finally have the hurricane damage to our home repaired only to be turned out again because of the initial sewer construction. As a parting blow we be facing the substantial costs of decommissioning our existing waste plant. This is beyond burdensome! Please put yourselves in our shoes for a moment. How would you feel about these developments?

Let us say again--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.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Sincerely,


Dwayne L. Huebner


Gena L. Huebner

CC:

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Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us
Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us

Antonia Hover

From: Andy Ball <gab_three@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 6:08 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo Smith; Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for conducting the public hearings and listening to our concerns. I see that your staffs have been hard at work developing recommendations addressing Environmental Utilities (EU) application for sewer. I am grateful for their hard work. However, as a full-time island resident on a fixed income, I strongly disagree with the recommendation to approve.

During the last round, the PSC disapproved the application in part based on need and requests from the residents. While the County issued a resolution in support of EU, there was a much larger outpouring of opposition by residents this time around. Lets be honest here, the resolution is a demonstration of hypocrisy by the County Commissioners. The resolution should not be viewed as support for EU as the county commissioner's actions speak louder than the words they put a piece of paper.

While on one hand, County commissioners say septic is bad and should not be allowed, yet they continue to issue building permits for new homes with septic systems here on the island. They line the county coffers by collecting money for permits for septic tanks they claim are environmentally harmful. If they really thought septic was so bad, they would not be allowing more houses to be built with septic systems. If they can continue to allow new septic systems on the island, where is the need despite their Resolution? If septic is so bad, the county should put a moratorium on permitting septic systems and halt development. Additionally, they should be the one installing the sewer system not a private company. To further exemplify the hypocrisy of the Resolution (lobbied for by EU?), at least one of the commissioners who supported the resolution is a builder/developer. This builder has been building on the island with septic systems even as this issue unfolds. Again, if he truly believes septic is so bad, why would he continue to install them on the island? Perhaps its greed and not a true concern for the community and environment as the resolution he supported states? Something smells fishy and it aint red tide caused by septic tanks here. It makes me wonder if that resolution wasn't bought and paid for. While the resolution does give your staff something to point to, it is nothing more than smoke and mirrors. The actions of the county should weigh more than what they put on paper. Do as i say and not as I do, doesn't work for me. The disingenuous resolution should not be considered as county support for EU as stated in the recommendations.

Furthermore, as stated in my written stakeholder comment and, it was mentioned at the public hearing, EU is essentially going to extort the residents of the island to live here for a service not requested or needed. The high cost of the extortion fee for me to live on the island is outrageous. My family that lives in Port Charlotte pays roughly \$80 a month for both County water and sewer. However, even though i live in the same county, I will have to pay \$200 or more a month. If i was paying the county, I would not be as upset as this is a function of local government. While i was upset before when we had to go through this in past years, I am now angered and outraged knowing this could become a reality should you follow the recommendations of staff.

Being a retired federal government official who was involved in rule making, I understand the difficulties and challenges in not following staff recommendations however, it is not uncommon to do. I urge you to go against staff's recommendations with a clear conscious. Consider the County's actions not, their lip service.

Thank you for considering my comments.

George A Ball
gab_three@yahoo.com

Antonia Hover

From: Debbie Grant <dgrant0987@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:30 PM
To: Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Clark; commissioner.passidome@psc.state.fl.us;
Office of Commissioner Graham
Subject: Docket #20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Craig Grant. I am an owner / part-time resident of LGI at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island (Unit J-4) which is a part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). **I am writing this letter to ask you to deny the application by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on our island.**

EU made a change to the location of the waste water 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 that 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 proper 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 this being done without any kind of notification? How were we being excluded from the scope of this project?. How can this be? **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 don'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 also have to assume the costs of decommissioning our septic plant. Which is a legal utility(as I Understand) under the ins[pection/jurisdiction of Charlotte County, Florida.

Is this fair & reasonable for the 132 families that are excluded from the scope of this application.

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. The advantages of a central sewer system to support 390 part-time residences and approximately 150 condos which are also used on a part-time basis is a ridiculous concept or idea. The build of the infrastructure will be far more damaging to our wildlife than the existing septic systems that already exist on LGI.

Please do the right thing and deny this application. Please do not hesitate to call for any questions.

Sincerely, Craig D. Grant HBBC Unit J-4 913-314-4146 m

Antonia Hover

From: Pat Gordon <patgordon1@comcast.net>
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Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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Haven't the Barrier Island Resident's endured enough?

Three years of devastating hurricanes have not only destroyed or damaged most island properties, creating a huge financial burden; now EU wants to destroy our fragile infrastructure when no environmental justification has been validated.

We don't need it; nor do we want it! So that then begs the question...Who does, and Why? Until the need is proven to be absolutely critical, and the proposed system will work; I respectfully request that you deny this request.

Thank you,

Pat Gordon
9 Pointe Way
Don Pedro Island, Fl.

Antonia Hover

From: kevinkendall@verizon.net
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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.

Kevin and Pamela Kendall
HBBC Unit F-10

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Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

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I ask you to please deny the EU application again - there is a huge opposition and no water quality problem is documented.

Maybe Charlotte County is more supportive this time around, but they are deserting our island with regard to services. They are pawing us off on yet another private company charging premium fees for historically unreliable service that EU is notorious for. Why can't the County treat us fairly and provide services at public utility rates? Or leave us alone. The sewer need is not proven to be great.

Why was EU allowed to change the application to another sewer system after enormous time and money was spent to address the second application with a low-pressure system? We were denied the opportunity at the hearing to address the application you are voting on Tuesday. Who allowed that late change?

Just as EU changed the type of sewer at the last minute, EU is highly likely to change the sewer situation for the residents, last minute. They would likely change the fees, the timeline, the natural beauty and complicate our seasonal hurricane repairs. The hurricane surge has been very difficult on residents. As of today, I still cannot ride a bike on my street as there is nothing but sugar-sand to ride on. FEMA is still traveling by my house every few minutes almost 6 months after Hurricane Milton. When will I get a road to bike on if EU is putting in a sewer? They have no incentive to be efficient with process or costs. My friend on Little Gasparilla tells horror stories of the water utility that EU's owner poorly installed. There is no recourse for residents. Why let another population be subject to the grief imposed by the EU owner.

I am sorry Palm Island Resort is having trouble with their sewage. They have not addressed their identified problem for years. The Resort's hookup to an island EU sewer should not be a backdoor chance to burden residents outside the Resort for the costs the Resort neglected. I have many friends at the Resort. But don't bail the Resort out of their sewer problems on the back of innocent, non-resort residents like me, with a perfectly fine septic system.

I do not see a need proved for sewer outside the resort and never have. Please deny EU. Vote no on any project proposed by EU.

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Antonia Hover

From: Marlene Torres <mtacctorres@gmail.com>
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Subject: Docket # 20240032 Request to Deny EU application

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Marlene Torres, I am an owner/resident of Little Gasparilla Island (LGI) residing at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit I2, within the Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) condominiums. I am writing to formally request the denial of Environmental Utilities' (EU) application for a certificate to install sewer systems on our island.

Lack of Proper Notification and Due Process

The EU has proposed relocating the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to HBBC property. Despite being excluded from the scope of this application on May 13, 2024 (Doc #03001-2024) by EU's attorney, this significant change directly impacts all HBBC owners. As owners we were not notified of this substantial amendment, violating the Public Service Commission's (PSC) requirement for proper notification to all affected parties. This oversight has denied HBBC owners the due process necessary to contest this change.

The HBBC attorney, Nick Porter, addressed this issue in his letter dated February 28, 2025 (Doc #01210-2025). It is disappointing that the PSC staff overlooked this notification failure in their recommendation. Consequently, 132 families are denied due process because of the EU's unnotified change.

Potential Impact on HBBC Community

If the EU proceeds with the model indicated in the 2017 Charlotte County Sewer Master Plan, the construction of a pump house on our septic plant drain field could or will necessitate the decommissioning of our existing system. This would effectively force HBBC to connect to the EU sewer system, despite our exclusion from the project's scope. Such construction would render our community uninhabitable during the process, imposing additional living expenses on residents. Moreover, no estimates have been provided for hookup costs, leaving us without information regarding the potential financial burden we may incur.

Conclusion

In summary, 132 families who are directly affected have not been notified, currently utilize a DEP-permitted septic system, and are unaware of the potential financial implications if this transmission line is

brought to our property. I urge you to deny this application to protect the rights and well-being of the HBBC community.

Sincerely,

Marlene Torres

Antonia Hover

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Subject: Deny EU Application

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Dear Commissioners,

As a part-time resident at Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) in unit I-2 on Little Gasparilla Island, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the application submitted by Environmental Utilities for a certificate to install sewers on the island. I urge you to deny this application.

The recent change made by Environmental Utilities to relocate the wastewater transmission line to the HBBC property directly impacts all owners, including myself, at HBBC. Despite being excluded from the initial scope of the application on May 13, 2024, this significant modification was made without proper notification to us. This lack of transparency violates the principle that all involved parties should be adequately informed and denies us our due process to challenge this change.

The failure to notify 132 families at HBBC, including myself, of this development is concerning. If the proposed sewer system is implemented according to the 2017 CC SMP model, the construction of the pump house on the HBBC Septic Plant drain field would disrupt our community and potentially force us to connect to the sewer system without our consent or knowledge of the associated costs. This unjust situation would impose financial burdens and inconvenience on us as part-time residents.

As a result of being excluded from the application scope, there has been no assessment of the hookup costs for the condos at HBBC. If compelled to connect to the sewer system, we would face uncertainty regarding the expenses involved, disruption to our living arrangements during construction, and the additional cost of decommissioning our septic plant. This lack of information and consideration for 132 affected families is unacceptable.

It is imperative that the interests and rights of all residents at HBBC are respected. Therefore, I urge you to consider the implications of this application and to prioritize fairness and due process for the 132 families involved. Please deny the application by Environmental Utilities to install sewers on Little Gasparilla Island.

Sincerely,

**Luis Torres
HBBC Unit I-2**

Antonia Hover

From: G G HOLT <ggacholt@netsync.net>
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Commissioner Clark,

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

Antonia Hover

From: Martin Mueller <martinmueller07@gmail.com>
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Subject: EU Application: Docket # 20240032

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Martin Mueller. My wife Janet and I are owners of 9400 Little Gasparilla Island Unit C6 which is part of the Hideaway Bay Beach Club condos. (HBBC). I am writing this letter to ask you to deny the application by Environmental Utilities (EU) for a certificate to install sewers on our island.

I do not understand how EU can build a sewer treatment plant on our property and force us to connect when we already have a perfectly good DEP permitted septic treatment plant.

I also do not understand, why since EU's plan now includes building on our property, why we were not notified. How will our units continue to utilize our existing sewage treatment plant?

Our community has suffered greatly due to the impact of Hurricanes Ian, Helene and Milton! To grant EU permission, to further disrupt our community, build something on our land that we do not need, and force us to use something with unknown cost is wrong.

Please do the right thing and deny this application.

Martin and Janet
HBBC Unit C6