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Good Afternoon Ms. Tomlin

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,

My name is **Holly Tomlin**, and I am a resident of Little Gasparilla Island, residing at 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit G8, within the Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) condominiums. I am writing to respectfully urge you to deny the application submitted by Environmental Utilities (EU) for a certificate to install sewer infrastructure on our island.

Environmental Utilities has altered the proposed location of the wastewater transmission line—relocating it from Don Pedro State Park to HBBC property. Although EU's attorney stated on May 13, 2024 (Doc #03001-2024), that HBBC is excluded from the scope of this application, this change directly impacts every homeowner within our community. Despite this, we were not notified of the significant modification to the application—an omission that violates a fundamental requirement for Public Service Commission decisions: proper notification of all affected parties. This lack of transparency has denied HBBC residents their due process and the opportunity to respond to a change that could profoundly impact our homes and property rights.

Attorney Nick Porter, representing HBBC, outlined the community's position in his letter dated February 28, 2025 (Doc #01210-2025). I was deeply disappointed that PSC staff did not factor in this lack of notification in their recommendation.

This decision affects 132 families—132 property owners who have been denied their due process due to a last-minute and undisclosed change made by EU.

Furthermore, should EU implement the model outlined in the 2017 CC SMP, the proposed pump house would be constructed on HBBC's septic plant drain field. This would render our septic system unusable during construction, effectively forcing our community to connect to a sewer system we were specifically excluded from. Again, this scenario would proceed without any formal notice or opportunity for public comment.

This presents a number of alarming concerns:

- HBBC has not received any cost estimates for a potential sewer hookup, since we were supposedly outside the scope of the project.
- If our septic system is decommissioned due to the construction, residents would be unable to occupy their homes during the transition—leading to significant and unplanned financial burdens.
- We would bear the costs of both connection to the new sewer system and the decommissioning of our current, fully permitted septic system.

Is this fair or reasonable treatment for the 132 families currently living at HBBC?

We are a community currently served by a DEP-permitted and functioning septic system. We do not require this sewer infrastructure, and we have not been given any information about the long-term financial implications this change could bring.

On behalf of the 132 families who were left out of this decision-making process, I respectfully ask that you deny Environmental Utilities' application.

Sincerely,

Holly Tomlin

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Unit J3, Little Gasparilla Island

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