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**From:** Nickalus Holmes on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 5:00 PM  
**To:** 'Natalie Coburn'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: EU sewer app number #20240032

Good afternoon Ms. Coburn

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  
Nick Holmes  
Commission Deputy Clerk II  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**To:** Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
**Subject:** Fwd: EU sewer app number #20240032

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Hello

I am writing urging you reject this application. I am currently building a home at 8904 Gulf Street and own a condo at hideaway bay beach club 9400 little Gasparilla Island, A8.

I spoke at the commissioner meeting in January against this project. No need has been established, the costs are excessive, their technology is outdated there would be damage to the environment, and easements would be mandated (many lots on LGI are 50 by 100 feet with little to no room to spare for additional easements) to name a few of the many issues.

I am permitted to install a performance based automated unit at the total cost of \$50,000 later this year. It is the highest standard of automated units which is required to have testing twice per year and even more in the early phases of set up. It is superior to the system EU is proposing in every way but if this passes I would be forced to dig out and remove this brand new superior system at my own cost and be forced to spend 40k to hook up to EU's system. As I'm sure you're aware, we live on a barrier island with no bridges and have to barge everything over which greatly increases the cost of everything we do.

It is highly unfair that we have to pay for a new septic system and then be forced to tear it out within a year or

two in order to accommodate a sewer system that we do not want nor need and also fear. And, there are many others in this same situation. Island-wide fear is due to the lack of effectiveness of the kind of system being proposed, the time it will take to complete along with the interruptions to our right for the peaceful enjoyment of our property. The destruction to our island will compound the devastation already inflicted by the recent hurricanes. In addition, the estimated costs are going to far exceed the estimate presented by the applicant and does not include the upgraded electrical system that each home or property will be required to provide.

And then, God forbid, what will happen should there be another storm the magnitude of Ian, Helene or Milton. What will happen each time the power goes down on the island (which most recently went down for the entire day on March 24th) and happens often? What is the plan for another catastrophic storm surge? Who will be responsible for the damage to property owners due to effluence escape?

The majority of the people on the island do not want this and the very few in favor appear to have personal reasons: either they are related to the applicant, good friends of the applicant or stand to benefit from the approval of the subsequent project.

As I said, I attended and spoke at the hearing and nearly all were against it.

The testimony that I found most appalling, and also quite interesting, was from the gentleman who stated that he had been offered to buy this sewer system for eleven million dollars. Why would he say this if it wasn't true? With all due respect, this has shade of backroom shenanigans.

I am disappointed (and quite honestly, disgusted) should there have been any sort of back room positioning in order for persons to make money off the backs of people who have already been through several traumatic, damaging and expensive experiences since 2021, some losing everything with no federal, state or local help.

There has been no evidence presented of environmental damage to sensitive areas that surround our beautiful island. The current systems in place to the north, south and east of us all had major problems due to the fact that the systems did not perform as planned during and after these recent storms, subsequently wreaking havoc with overflow waste flowing into and onto private property, not to mention the surrounding waters.

I would ask you from the bottom of my heart to deny this application due to the following:

1. The applicant is not qualified to install and operate the planned system.
2. He (jack boyer) has expressed to others the plans to sell the "slam drunk" project to enrich himself, and has stated to others that this is "his retirement plan".
3. 95% of the community opposes this application.
4. Most owners are not able to afford it and will have to sell which, in all likelihood, will create a "land grab" by those who wish to change one of the last, beautiful vestiges of Old Florida... for personal monetary gain.
5. Many owners will refuse to give an easement or right of way which will result in long, embroiled and acrimonious lawsuits.
6. To add insult to injury, should this be forced upon us, we will be obligated to pay monthly fees for the "privilege" of having this unwanted atrocity after being strong-armed to fund it in the first place.
7. The likelihood of unforeseen mishaps due to the nature of our unique island, and the lack of the adequate

infrastructure to support such a fiasco, would surely reap dire consequences to our surrounding environment, not to mention our individual homes and land.

Hideaway bay beach club was excluded from the scope of this project in May of 2024. It came to light in January of 2025 that the Waste water Transmission line for LGI is being brought over to HBBC property. This has the potential of completely closing down our property if a pump house is built on our septic drain field. We have been denied our due process. Our lawyer's letter was ignored when the PSC staff made their recommendation to approve the application.

I have 2 dogs on this fight and this application negatively effects both of my properties immensely. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Natalie Coburn