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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:23 AM
To: 'Lillie Estrada'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Request to Deny - Certificate of Compliance for Sewer Service

Good morning,

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.

Sincerely,

Brian Schultz

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Lillie Estrada

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the process undertaken by the Public Service Commission (PSC) in relation to Environmental Utilities LLC's (EU) application for a certificate to install a sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island.

An amendment filed and recorded in May 2024, **Docket #20240032-SU**, states:

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**IN RE: Application for certificate to provide
wastewater service in Charlotte County, by
Environmental Utilities, LLC
DOCKET NO. 20240032-SU**

ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES, LLC. 'S AMENDMENT TO REDUCE REQUESTED SERVICE AREA

Environmental Utilities, LLC. ("EU"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, files this amendment to its application to delete certain property from its requested service area and states:

- 1. It was never the intent of EU to apply its septic-to-sewer project to Hideaway Bay and Placida Beach condominiums. These condominiums are served by a central wastewater treatment plant which is permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.*
- 2. The owners of the units in these condominiums are not included in the number of prospective customers as set forth in the Application, and thus service to them is not included in any of the financial analyses.*
- 3. Attached hereto are the legal descriptions of the two condominiums which are hereby deleted from EU's Application.*

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of May, 2024,

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Despite this amendment, EU unilaterally altered the location of the wastewater transmission line from Don Pedro State Park to Hideaway Bay Beach Club (HBBC) property—without any notification to HBBC. While the docket states that HBBC is not required to connect, this change was made without due process or transparency. The transmission line's placement directly impacts all unit owners at HBBC, and EU failed to provide proper notification regarding this major modification.

Additionally, the newly proposed design includes a stub-out for the future connection of HBBC to the sewer system, despite HBBC operating its own DEP-approved wastewater treatment plant. The inclusion of this stub-out raises significant concerns:

- Why is HBBC being positioned for a future connection when it was explicitly removed from EU's application?
- What are the long-term implications and costs for HBBC, including potential expenses related to decommissioning our existing wastewater treatment plant?
- Why is privately owned property being impacted by a project we were led to believe would not affect us?

This situation is a clear violation of due process. Private property cannot be repurposed or encumbered without proper notification, justification, and transparency. This is not a matter of convenience—it is a matter of legal rights and property ownership.

Given these circumstances, I respectfully request that EU's application for a wastewater service certificate be denied. The lack of due process, the unauthorized modification of the transmission line location, and the

potential forced connection of HBBC despite existing infrastructure all demonstrate significant issues with EU's proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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