

Antonia Hover

From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:43 PM
To: 'Debbie Daugherty'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Good Afternoon, Ms. Daugherty.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: Debbie Daugherty <ufdaugherty@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 8:41 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Debbie Daugherty. I am a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island. My property is within the service area contained in the application from Environmental Utilities, LLC [EU] for central sewer. I have over 20 years experience in water and wastewater utilities and a Bachelors and Masters in Environmental Engineering. I am currently the Water/Wastewater Engineering Director for Gainesville Regional Utilities.

We are currently customers of Little Gasparilla Water Utility, which is owned and operated by the same parties that are applying as Environmental Utilities, LLC. The owners have minimal experience operating a water system and no experience operating a wastewater system. The water system on Little Gasparilla Island is constructed poorly and not operated responsibly by these parties. While the project to bring sewer services to the island has merit, Environmental Utilities is not the appropriate party to complete a project of this nature. Charlotte County should continue to seek other experienced parties to provide sewer service to Little Gasparilla Island.

I am writing specifically at this time to object to EU's request to bifurcate the certificate and rate-making proceedings. I also object to the granting of a temporary waiver of Rules 25-30.033(1)(p) and (q).

Property owners in the proposed service area have a deadline of January 16, 2021 to present their objections. In bifurcating the application, no information regarding estimated rates and connection

fees for this project will be available until the Spring of 2022.

As future consumers, we have been asked to present our objections to a proposal for which we have no idea what the associated costs will be nor the type of system we will be paying for. All of which has been timed to take place during a tumultuous holiday season within a global pandemic.

I object to all of this, plus the applicant's lack of experience as an owner/operator of a wastewater utility and the inadequate information regarding the applicant's financial strength. Therefore, I formally request that EU's Motion to Bifurcate and Temporary Rule Waiver be denied.

Sincerely,

Debbie Daugherty
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