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To: 'Tremblay'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20240032-SU

Good Afternoon, Laurie and Joe Tremblay.

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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To: PSC and Charlotte County Commissioners
Regarding: Docket # 20240032-SU

April 14, 2024

We oppose the application by Environmental Utilities, LLC to provide wastewater services to the barrier islands of Little Gasparilla, Don Pedro, and Knight in Charlotte County. We ask you to deny EU's application for wastewater service.

We do not feel there is a proven need for a central sewer service. This was acknowledged and accepted in 2022 by the Commissioners.

We did not request a sewer service for Little Gasparilla Island. We maintain our septic tank and have not had a problem with it.

We are concerned that EU is a private, for-profit utility company, and that the best interests of the islanders may not be his main focus. The initial cost of a low-pressure system for individual homeowners is staggering, especially for those of us in the "retirement" stage of our lives. Is this the most efficient and environmentally sound solution?

We are worried that EU does not have the experience and expertise to own and operate a complicated wastewater utility on barrier islands. Complications arise from power outages, periodic flooding, **cost and maintenance** of all the equipment in a high salt environment, hurricanes, transporting waste across the waterway, still having to pump out solid wastes, and long-range concerns if the utility is sold.

In the earlier application of 2020-2021, the initial rates and monthly charges were not even close to being reasonable. We can't imagine what the cost would be at this point.

All of us are still in recovery/survival mode after Hurricanes Ian and Idalia. We just want to get things back to normal and enjoy our retirement years on the island that we cherish.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Laurie and Joe Tremblay (property owners for 42+ years)
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