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Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:00 AM
To: 'Glen Taylor'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-Su

Good Morning, Glen and Heather Taylor.

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!

Toni Hover

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Dear Commissioner,

We are full time residents of Little Gasparilla Island. We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed sewer plan outlined in the Sewer Master Plan commissioned by Charlotte County (CC) and the subsequent application by Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) for a certificate to install central sewer in our area, inclusive of Knight Island, Don Pedro Island, and Little Gasparilla Island. We object to and request the PSC deny the Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for this proposed central sewer system

While we understand the need for compliance with state priorities regarding septic system conversion, we have several concerns about the proposed plan that we believe warrant reconsideration:

1 Lack of Water Quality Testing: The plan's high priority score for conversion in our area was based on general summary data without any water quality testing in proximity to the Islands. This omission raises doubts about the necessity and efficacy of the proposed sewer system.

2 Financial Burden on Homeowners: The proposed connection fees, monthly charges, and additional costs associated with the low-pressure sewer system pose a significant financial burden on homeowners, with estimates likely to exceed the initial projections provided by EU.

we, like most homeowners on the island, are still recovering from the extreme financial burden of Hurricane Ian. Our septic is in great running order and does not need to be replaced.

3 Lack of Oversight and Accountability: The absence of comprehensive oversight and accountability mechanisms for the project raises concerns about the potential for mismanagement, insolvency, and environmental risks associated with the installation and maintenance of the sewer system.

4 Environmental Concerns: The project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species, as well as the risk of sewer spills in sensitive areas such as the Intracoastal.

5 Disruption of Island Life: The mandatory hook-up requirement, disruptions, and encumbrance of property with new utility easements threaten to disrupt the unique lifestyle and character of our island communities.

Given these concerns, we urge the Charlotte County Commission to reconsider the proposed sewer plan and explore alternative solutions that prioritize environmental sustainability, affordability for homeowners, and preservation of our island way of life.

Thank you for considering our concerns. I hope that together, we can find a solution that meets the needs of our community while safeguarding our environment and quality of life.

Sincerely,

Glen and Heather Taylor