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RE: docket #20240032-SU

To whom it may Concern/ Commissioners

Our family has owned a home on LGI since1989 and again we find ourselves trying to protect one of SW Florida's barrier islands and the wildlife such as the endangered gopher tortoise that thrives here. Little Gasparilla Island has been a sanctuary for many types of water fowl, Manatees and other native Florida animals. The proposed EU wastewater request would devastate much of the habitat for these animals.

The negative environmental impact of this proposal far out ways any positives as this proposed septic service still needs to be pumped. The current septic service for this remote barrier island is the most efficient and affordable for most of the residents who have homes here.

The EU is just another 'money grab" mandating services that will cost homeowner \$12,000-\$15,000 by their own projections just to hook up? , monthly charges will also add \$200-\$300 per month driving out most average family's.

It is clear that this is all about profit with NO consideration to the environment or Florida residents whom have homes here.

I ask that you deny docket#20240032-SU as LGI is a bridgeless, roadless low density barrier island with no commerce.

There is simply no benefit, demand or need for this costly habitat damaging project and again we ask this be denied.

Sincerely Mugher C