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Please place the e-mail below in Docket No. 20200226.

Thank you!

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned with the forced sewer on Little Gasparilla Island. 8166 Little Gasparilla Island. I use my island house in the summer to spend time with family and friends. There are many issues to consider here.

First please be aware that the residents and homeowners of property on Little Gasparilla Island contribute significantly to the County tax base and receive very few services. We do not have/get road maintenance or trash/garbage pick-up. We are prohibited from putting our household waste in the dumpsters located at the county ramp. These are just a few of the amenities that the other residents of Charlotte county enjoy that we do not have.

1. One of the concerns is the monthly cost. I currently own a residence in Englewood in the Grove City area. The cost of water and sewer is in line with the other areas that I have lived in before. The cost of water on Little Gasparilla Island is 4 times the cost of other areas. The proposed monthly sewer cost is going to be 3 times the cost of water. This is not fair. If you look at the cost of water and sewer and garbage that the mainland residents pay and compare it to what the projected cost to LGI residents is, you can easily see the disparity.
2. The lack of technical expertise of the EU is a concern. When they installed the water mains they were not even placed in the easements. That is where the utilities were/are supposed to be located. So where are they going to place the sewer lines? I could easily hit and damage the water main by just digging a hole to plant a tree. Not planting it is the easement but on my private property. Again what happens with the sewer. water is one thing to have running all over but sewage would be an environmental nightmare.
3. I do not feel that there is a proven need for a central sewer. If the islands floods during a storm, yes the septic systems are flooded, but if there is a central sewer those lines will be flooded also. there will still be pollution. I understand that many of the septic systems are old and poorly maintained but when they fail they have to be replaced and the Health Department has strict guidelines that are to be followed.

There are other issues to consider but I will not go into them all. I never asked for a sewer, I do not think it is needed. T

Sincerely

Marie McCaughan, Professional Engineer