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From: Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 2:35 PM

To: 'Olga Kroslak'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good afternoon Joseph and Debby Kroslak,

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.

Best regards,

Charlie Smith II

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My name is Joseph Kroslak. My wife and I own two properties on Little Gasparilla Island, located at 9424 and 9426 Rum Runner Rd.

We are formally requesting that the PSC DENY EU'S APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE.

We are appealing to you with due respect because we feel that it is your responsibility as public servants to protect the interest of the taxpayers and homeowners, and not that of private enterprise.

Here a few reasons why we are against this service:

1. There is no evidence that supports a NEED for this service. The vast majority of existing septic systems that homeowners have are functional when maintained properly.

- 2. ENVIRONMENTALLY, this project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species
- 3. We feel it is unfair that we will be <u>forced to give up our private property rights for free</u>. According to 14.0, "the Customer shall grant or cause to be granted to the Company, and without cost to the Company, all rights, easements, permits, and privileges which are necessary for the rendering of wastewater service.
- 4. The COST of central sewer is very high and certainly comes at a very bad time for islanders. Many of us are still dealing with the many after-effects of Hurricane Ian and have had to lay out large sums of money for rebuilding, etc. Please don't saddle the homeowners with additional financial burdens.
- 5. Included in the above point is the need for a separate electric panel, a generator, tree removal around the septic area, etc, which all comes at the homeowner's expense.
- 6. The experience and ability of EU is certainly questionable as it is not a major operator with solid infrastructure support behind them.
- 7. We love our beautiful island just the way it is, including the privacy we have. Providing utilities to our island will draw more development and more population.

Once again, PLEASE, consider our request for denying central sewer service to our island!

We thank you for your consideration.

Joseph and Debby Kroslak