

**Charlie Smith**

**From:** Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 3:19 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket# 20240032-SU  
**Attachments:** Message from Frank Guagliardo regarding Docket# 20240032-SU; Docket 20240032-SU; Docket # 20240032-SU; Docket# 20240032-SU; Docket No. 20240032-SU, Environmental Utilities; Fwd: Docket# 20240032-SU; Application for Original Wastewater Certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities LLC, Docket 20240032-SU; 20240032-SU; Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island; Re: Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; RE: Docket # 20240032-SU; RE. Docket #20240032-SU; Docket #20240032 - SU - Martin and Janet Mueller - Interested Party LGI Property Owners; Docket # 20240032-SU; Opposition to Application for Original Certificate of Authorization and Initial Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service; Docket #20230032-SU; Docket No. 20240032; 2 letters of objection to Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket#20240032-SU; Docket #20240032-SU

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From: Joann Giglio-Guagliardo <jguag@verizon.net>  
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 3:14 PM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Chairman La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Fay <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Graham <Commissioner.Graham@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Message from Frank Guagliardo regarding Docket# 20240032-SU

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**From:** Kathleen Waltz <kwaltzjim@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:52 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket 20240032-SU

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I am a resident owner of 25 years on Little Gasparilla Island. I have a home at Hideaway Bay Beach Club. My career of over 25 years was in industrial water treatment for Nalco Chemical. I had many wastewater treatment plant accounts.

HBBC maintains our own wastewater plant with a Florida licensed treatment plant operation company.

In addition to not needing the plant it would be a significant cost to HBBC residents at a time when we are struggling with ongoing hurricane lan repairs/expenses. My business experience included work on "decommissioning" waste plants. The related costs can run into millions of dollars. There will also be "tie-in" fees.

I'm totally against the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Please register my objection. Please confirm receipt of my objection.

Kathleen Waltz  
(412) 262-0758  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joan Der <joan.der7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:50 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Records Clerk; Office of Commissioner Fay; commissioner.graham@psc.state  
**Subject:** Docket # 20240032-SU

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Commissioners,  
From Joan Der, wife of Robert Der at 171 s. Gulf Blvd. On Don Pedro Island. Please deny the application for original certificate of authorization

As more details are uncovered, I need to emphasize the issue of why we must deny EU their desire to be a provider. On record, our island has not been a source of leakage in Florida. This sewer installation could provide maybe an inconsequential impact of a clean water solution for a gigantic cost, grief, uncertainty and inconvenience to individual owners. There isn't much land to install a new tank in a spot apart from the septic tank while transitioning. Will we be without sewage disposal for a spell? Replacing a perfectly fine tank and drainage with grinders and pipes run by electricity prone to outages is not an improvement. Our individual septics are much safer than new lines to carry the waste water from curvy shell roads (which are finally graded by the County) across two lagoons and the inter coastal waterway. The intercoastal waterway is used continuously by the car access ferry a minimum of 16 hours a day, subject to boat traffic and strong tides. Isn't a drainage septic system servicing this unique bridgeless barrier island a wiser solution?

We already pay the highest rates for water in Florida through a private business seeking every rate hike possible. Must we also be subjected to the excessive rates threatened by EU , yet another private service provider, for negligible improvement of waste waters? I don't want EU to reap a premium rate for what has historically been their problematic and subpar installation processes and subsequent service. Why must we be made vulnerable to a contractor setting up a business that hints of intent to resell the service?

Why does our island get pawned off to a contractor of such disrepute? I don't wish the to service your home or mine. Deny sewer on our island. Deny EU for anything to do with our island. Thanks for seriously considering these issues of great concern.

Joan Der

Joan Der  
[joan.der7@gmail.com](mailto:joan.der7@gmail.com)  
Cell phone in U.S. 1 630 217-7886

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**From:** gasparillaville <gasparillaville@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham; Mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket# 20240032-SU  
**Attachments:** Letter to Public Service Commission.pdf

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Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our letter related to the proposal under Docket# 20240032-SU. We would appreciate your confirmation that this letter is being entered into the docket records.

Regards,

Dwayne and Gena Huebner  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit C4

Dwayne & Gena Huebner  
PO Box 323  
Placida, FL 33946

April 26, 2024

Commission Clerk,  
Office of Commission Clerk,  
Florida Public Service Commission,  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd,  
Tallahassee, FL 32801

RE: #20240032-SU

Dear Commission Members:

We have been residents of Little Gasparilla Island since 1995 when we purchased our condo unit at Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condo. Our association operates its own batch sewer plant and provides this service to a neighboring association, Placida Beach Club Condo. Together, our 103 units and Placida Beach Club's 30 unit constitutes a significant percentage of the island residents. We are guessing about 20% of Little Gasparilla Island.

Bringing up the sewer utility issue again comes at a time when many residents are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Ian. Our condo unit is still not habitable. Repairs ground to a halt when Citizens Property Insurance Company offered a ridiculously low settlement offer and we have been fighting them ever since. The excessive cost of appraiser and the umpire is not covered by insurance and we will be left to burden the expense on our own. That is on top of the high windstorm deductible on our policy. The possible legal fees that we may have to incur to recover insurance proceeds that we are entitled to could be the straw that breaks the camels back. Now we are faced with very significant costs that will come our way if you move forward with the private sewer utility. We feel that putting this on our backs now is completely uncalled for and insensitive.

We can't say that we are informed on this particular attempt to bring the sewer utility to Little Gasparilla Island. As we said, our home is not habitable and we don't get mail frequently since we have to make a special trip to retrieve our mail. As of two weeks ago, we received no official notification from anyone. As such, we have relied on social media for our information. That source is hardly reliable. Our community needs time to figure out just what is being proposed. We may need legal representation that we haven't put in place yet.

One of the things that we have heard through social media is that the proposed utility company intends to utilize the batch plant existing at Hideaway Bay Beach Club in their system. How can that be when no one has contacted the board that represents our association? Our contact information is filed with the State of Florida Bureau of Condominiums, so it's is easy to find us. How will that benefit us? It doesn't appear that our association will receive any services that we don't already provide for ourselves.

In summary, the timing of this proposal is poor at best. Please relieve us of the battle that would surely come with this proposition. This is not the first time we addressed this type of a project, so we know that it is contentious. Let us rebuild our home and our community and recover from the overwhelming economic consequences that come with the rebuilding process. Our board members are volunteers that have their hands full already without worrying on how to best represent our association in your proceedings. Don't put this back on the docket until the community has a chance to get the facts of the proposal without relying on social media. In blunt terms, please work for the best efforts of our community rather than the business interest of private enterprise. Now is not the time for this proposal!

Best Regards,

Handwritten signatures of Dwayne L. Huebner and Gena Huebner in cursive script.

Dwayne & Gena Huebner

CC:

Mfriedman@deanmead.com or  
Martin s. Friedman, Esquire Dean Mead  
420 s. Orange Ave. Suite 700  
Orlando, FL. 32801



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**From:** Kari Harju <karanne.harju@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:41 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Cc:** Mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20240032-SU, Environmental Utilities

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To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding Docket No. 20240032-SU  
Certificate of Application For Wastewater Service In Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities

We are writing this email to strongly oppose Environmental Utilities (EU) providing waste water service to Little Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County, we are homeowners on the island at Hideaway Bay Beach Club Condos.

EU was denied a similar application two years ago, my question is what has changed? Other than the devastation incurred by hurricane Ian, which at Hideaway Bay Beach Club we have not started the rebuild process.

Another question would be what expertise does EU claim to have in building and maintaining a waste water service? Have the easements been established? To hook up to the sewer which would be required within 1 year at an estimated cost of \$13,000 per home seems excessive.

The sewer system would only remove waste water and not solids, which would need to be pumped out at the owner's expense. What other waste system in the state only does the waste water? And the proposed quarterly cost would be the highest in the state of Florida and a burden to all the owners.

As proposed, if the electric goes out there is only a 6 hour window to get the system back up and running, needing to have back-up generators at whose cost? and who will be on the island to monitor this?

Previously our association was considered its own utility since we have a working septic system, which is maintained by a class A company, NES. This time it is proposed that our septic be converted to a lifting station which would result in having to decommission the current septic system for a price tag of around \$1 million dollars. It is just not fair to expect 102 owners to pay this bill. It would be extremely devastating to both our community and island.

For the above reasons and many others that were previously stated 2 years ago, we do not feel it would benefit our small island and would be unjust and not equitable for owners to pay for a system that is simply not needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven and KarAnne Harju  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit C1

Placida< FL 33046  
612-240-2177

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**From:** Joann Giglio-Guagliardo <jguag@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:38 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Fwd: Docket# 20240032-SU

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We thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and urge you to deny EU's application.

Sincerely,  
Joann Guagliardo

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**From:** Eric Buffkin <eric@buffkin.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:13 PM  
**To:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Application for Original Wastewater Certificate in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities LLC, Docket 20240032-SU

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Dear Commissioners,

As a lifelong Florida resident and property owner at Hideaway Bay Beach Club on Little Gasparilla Island who would be significantly affected by the requested Certificate, I encourage you to reject this application for the following reasons:

- the need for the public system has not been established
- there has been no demonstration that the current wastewater treatment has materially contributed to any pollution
- the applicant has not demonstrated it possesses the financial, technical, or operational experience or expertise to realize, operate, or maintain such a system
- there is no clear understanding of the timing or the cost affected property owners will incur if such a system is installed.

Further, our island is yet to fully recover from Hurricane Ian. It is hardly an understatement to say it was the most destructive event to affect the island in most of our lifetimes. It is useful to note that even with the widespread damage, there was no significant pollution released.

I appreciate the Commission's dedication to serving the citizens of our State.

Sincerely,  
Eric

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Eric Buffkin  
Hideaway Bay Beach Club  
Unit A-6  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island  
Placida, FL 33946

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**From:** Stacey Noor <stacey@peoplecenteredmarketing.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 12:54 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** 20240032-SU

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To all whom may concern,  
I am an owner at Hideaway Beach Club on Little Gasperilla Island- Troy and Stacey Noor E4. My condo is condemned. Our insurance company-Citizens a non-profit owned by the State of Florida for Florida Citizens has demanded we get an adjuster, an appraiser and now finally an umpire. Our umpire found 18.1 million of damage, the 3rd party umpire agreed that Citizens needs to pay us 15.9 million dollars. Shame on politics and the State of Florida. Citizens is now not paying and our buildings are missing siding and windows as we head into our 2nd hurricane season!!! We have to sue to get our insurance funds back while we keep paying our premium. The last wind premium was \$505,000 to renew.

Jack Bower is using this stressful time on our island to again and push forward for his gain and only his gain.

1. Bower is suggesting we pay \$1 million to dismantle our pristine septic system that services 132 condos on LGI. We have been paying association dues of the tune of \$3,400 per quarter to keep up our septic system. It is checked daily and has been kept up on servicing.
2. Bower is proposing to confiscate our land that our system sits on. Adding a lift station where our private property sits.
3. Bower is suggesting that by increasing our servicing from \$151 for water to almost \$500 for water and sewer monthly that this would somehow benefit us?!! This is a huge increase for a system that is gray water at best, and increases the occurrence of Red Tide(which is detrimental to our marine life and the State of Florida's tourism.)
4. The system Bower is proposing has no improvements added for the environment, just a financial gain for himself.
5. The financial strain he is suggesting when we are already heading into another hurricane season with broken windows and exposed buildings is 100 percent congruent with his character. No Government would entertain this deal.
6. Then he suggests we will all have to pay an additional \$13,000 each to hook up to his system....WHAT, for what gain?
7. We have heard it is Florida State Statute that he has to inform all owners of his plan. We have confirmed at least 75% of us have not been informed.
8. I also want you to know I have no plumbing at my unit and I pay \$280 per quarter just to be hooked up even though I get no water. Please stop this continued nonsense and financial abuse.

Our condo complex was exempt in 2018 when he tried these shenanigans then. During this trying time where most of us are floating our properties and association dues we are paying about 30-40 k per year for condemned buildings that our State of Florida insurance company won't fix and now the State of Florida again is having us hire more legal counsel as they suggest we dismantle our current septic system that is a better system than the one proposed. We are not in the position to sue two State agencies that are causing extreme HARDSHIP.

I urge you to consider our already financial despair caused by Citizens of the State of Florida. I urge you to valiantly step in our behalf and again in our behalf defend us from this poor proposal being brought forth while we are all busy with condemned properties. We have kept up our system. We share it with others. We care about our environment and the Bower proposal has been looked at by our civil engineer owners at our complex. It is a couple steps down not a step up. Please do not let this proposal go through. None of us want it.

Please help us! Please address Citizens and this greedy business owner who is trying to create another monopoly.

Stacey Noor

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**Stacey Noor**

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*"You can have everything in life you want,  
if you will just help enough other people  
get what they want. - Zig Ziglar*

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**From:** agorgei73@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:50 AM  
**To:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Proposed EU sewer application for the islands of LGI, Knights Island, Palm Island and Don Pedro Island

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Dear Commissioners- I am an owner on Little Gasparilla Island and am formally objecting to the sewer proposal and request that PSC deny the application for original certificate of authorization for Environmental Utilities LLC (EU) for a central sewer system for all islands named in the subject line. I am not against sewer being brought to the island, however do not believe that it should be at the financial gain of a single individual or company. As a tax paying citizen of Charlotte County, I demand to be treated as any other citizen and feel it is my and all other tax paying citizens of these islands to not be gouged for basic services, as we currently are being with our water supply and will be with the proposed sewer system being owned by EU!

To provide you with some insight on the unfair treatment of these islands, let me share with you some facts about the current water system that is single handedly making the owners of LGIWU rich...simply by supplying these islands with water! Since Hurricane Ian, we have been unable to use or access our home for nearly 2 years. Therefore have used ZERO water, however for the last two years I have received a bill from Little Gasparilla Water Utility for approximately \$250 on a quarterly basis!!! That's \$83 a month for NOTHING, or as Jack Boyer states 'to cover his administrative fees'. Can I ask you what a mainland tax payer pays in administration fees for there water? I'm sure it's nowhere near \$83 a month!

The above serves as and example as to why our islands should not be subject to any further unfair treatment of setting up a private monopoly to gouge it's residents, just to supply our island with the basic essentials!! If Charlotte county wants us to have sewer, they should provide it to us, just like any other resident and not outsource it to a private entity who will receive significant persona financial gains!!

Thank you!  
Angela & David Gorgei  
9400 Little Gasparilla Island #D7  
Placida, FL 33946  
813-263-8210

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** Re: Docket #20240032-SU

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Thank you, Will and Keelan Armstrong

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:01:35 AM  
**To:** clerk@psc.state.fl.us <clerk@psc.state.fl.us>; mfriedman@deanmead.com <mfriedman@deanmead.com>  
**Cc:** Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us>; Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us <Commissioner.Fay@psc.state.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

I am a homeowner at Hideaway Bay Beach Club, 9400 Little Gasparilla Island, Unit K1, Placida, FL 33946 on Little Gasparilla Island, Charlotte County, Florida. We currently have on onsite septic system for all of the 102 owners here at Hideaway Bay that we pay for with our quarterly assessments. We paid extra money out of our homeowners funds to repair/clean out the septic system after Hurricane Ian. Our system abides by any environmental codes and works well for us here at Hideaway Bay. We certainly don't need to pay any extra for a new low pressure system that may end up having or creating a whole new set of problems/fixes it may need. Please don't allow this new system to be put in place on our little island which seems to be functioning just fine as we are.

Thank you, Will and Keelan Armstrong (keearm@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Caron Hoffman <choffman40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:23 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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I am writing to firmly request that you DENY the EU's application for wastewater service. We do not want a private for profit company without experience servicing our area. We do not want the associated expense and have NO problem with the system we use now. WE, the island owners, are NOT asking for sewers on our island that may disrupt our way of life. We do not want this change and do not want to be forced into something that we don't want that will cause us financial hardship. I own two properties on the island and the financial hardship would be devastating.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE deny their application. "If it 'aint broke, don't fix it"

Thank you for your consideration.  
Caron Hoffman  
1829 Wildberry Drive, Unit H  
Glenview, IL 60025

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**From:** Keelan Armstrong <keearm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:02 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032-SU

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**From:** Georgiana Sinnett <georgiana.sinnett@compass.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 10:01 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

My husband Scott and I are new homeowners on the island at 431 Bocilla. We have been a part of the island for 20+ years. We owned a home on island approximately 15 years ago. The island has drawn us back again. We have never had issues with the septic system in our previous island home. Our home in Illinois for 38 years, was on septic with never an issue. We are not new to the septic process and do not feel the new proposed sewer system is needed. The expense involved is unnecessary and the unmonitored installation of the systems, abandoning of my current system, the lack of control or oversight of a private FOR PROFIT entity is nothing that we would like to be involved in.

We are recently retired and this is an expense that we do not wish to entertain along with the fact that the actual costs and expenses are completely unknown for us as the homeowner.

With the overwhelming lack of support from the residents that actually live on the island, it is unimaginable that the same proposal is to be forced upon the residents again.

Along with being forced unnecessarily into an expensive legal battle that has never had support from the major population on the island.

There are too many unknown factors to blindly move forward with this proposal.

We emphatically are NOT in support of EU's proposal!!

We appreciate you hearing our concerns and supporting the community voice over the ONE.

Please confirm receipt.

Scott and Georgiana Sinnett

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## Charlie Smith

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**From:** Hankin Family <dhankin@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:27 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
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**Subject:** RE: Docket #20240032-SU

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Dear Clerk and Commissioners,

We are writing to you to let you know that we oppose the approval of the application by EU, LLC to install and manage the sewer project on the barrier island chain in southwest Florida which would encompass the islands of Palm Island, Don Pedro Island, and Little Gasparilla Island. For the record, we are owners on Little Gasparilla Island. Our opposition starts with the previously and often stated arguments of:

**-Need for Service.** There has been no evidence provided that supports a need for service in the proposed service area. Expert witnesses at the last Administrative Hearing refuted the arguments that EU put forward supporting the need for service.

**-Environmental.** No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove a need for sewer. This project brings the potential for destruction of habitat and interference with endangered species such as the gopher tortoise.

**-Providing utilities is the way local government promotes high-density development.** Our barrier islands are in a Rural Service Area. The Charlotte County Comp Plan mandates on-site septic systems for the Rural Service Area. Now they are insisting that the Comp Plan prohibits the County from installing central sewer, but not a privately owned utility.

**-We would be forced to give up our private property rights for free.** You will be forced to give up easement rights across your property without compensation.

**-Traffic Congestion.** The combination of post-storm rebuilds, new home construction, and tourist traffic during season has made wait lines at the ferry both unpredictable and outrageous. Now, consider the heavy equipment and materials transport needed to construct an island-wide central sewer system. And how long it will take to build.

**-The Costs.** The costs of central sewer are quite considerable at a very bad time for Islanders. Many are still engaged with fighting their insurance companies for settlements from Hurricane Ian and have had to lay out large sums for their re-builds while they wait for compensation. Some owners have just paid deep-pocket sums to install new septic systems at their newly built or re-built homes. Many property owners simply do not have the resources available to convert from septic to sewer.

Additionally, there are other concerns:

Has this system, which is designed for single dwelling use and has one tank per lot, been successfully deployed on a much larger scale? What were the results?

The person behind EU, LLC, is also the person behind the Little Gasparilla Water Company. We have grave concerns of one individual having majority control/power over our utilities. The current water company is not very responsive to service requests and I fear the same will happen with the sewer company if owned and operated by same individual.

A bigger concern of ours is the current lack of routine testing of water quality in relation to septic tank waste and the absence of ongoing septic system inspections beyond the initial permitting and installation inspection.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
David and Joellie Hankin  
Little Gasparilla Island homeowners

## Charlie Smith

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**From:** jordan schlandt <jschlandt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:08 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
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**Subject:** RE. Docket #20240032-SU

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To whom it may concern,

My wife and I are owners and full-time residents of Little Gasparilla Island. We absolutely oppose the proposed low pressure "sewer" system and the idea that Jack Boyer and company and his greed should be allowed to be mandated to us. I have worked on pumping systems for over 20 years and have spent a lot of time in leachate pumping, transfer stations, lift stations, and the plumbing, pumps, motors, and controls for these systems. This system is a terrible idea for our island. It will not have the manpower, cost effectiveness, redundancies, oversight, or common sense for this specific place. I cannot even believe that after Ian and a lack of power for weeks this is still even in question, not only that, reliable systems in this environment and labor are incredibly expensive and a lot of that will go to Jack's wallet and unproportionally benefit him to an obscene amount. The county and state continue to mandate extremely expensive private industries and geographical monopolies and that in itself is simply anti-American and anti-free market. The county and state do little more than take our taxes and mandate private industry to us. We have no mainland parking, boat ramps, trash or any service that should be provided by our tax dollars, yet here we are arguing about another obscene mandate to truly only benefit 1 company and leave the homeowners with a massive bill, a bad system, and more destruction on our fragile island.

Jordan and Amy Schlandt

## Charlie Smith

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**From:** Martin Mueller <martinmueller07@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:06 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Cc:** mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032 - SU - Martin and Janet Mueller - Interested Party LGI Property Owners

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CC: Environmental Utilities Counsel  
Martin s. Friedman  
Esquire Dean Mead  
420 S. Orange Avenue  
Suite 700 Orlando, FL. 32801

Re: Docket #20240032-SU (open) - Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County by Environmental Utilities, LLC.

Dear Florida Public Service Commission members:

I am writing to you, as a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island, to express my concerns regarding the application referenced above submitted for your consideration by Environmental Utilities, state my objections to their application and urge you to deny their request.

I have 35 years' experience with government funded utility infrastructure projects. I am not sure how a proposed project of this scope would be considered without a more thorough process.

I have the following concerns regarding the current scenario:

- No notice to concerned parties

As a property owner on Little Gasparilla I did not receive a notice as to this proposed project.

- No Need

As an Owner of a condominium unit at Hideaway Bay Beach Club I am not aware there is a need for this project for our association. We have a functioning, reliable sewage treatment plant that is managed by an experienced and licensed service provider on a regular basis.

- Lack of petitioner sewage license or experience

I am not aware that Environmental Utilities has a license or any expertise in Sewage treatment management.

- Not fair and Equitable proposed fees

The proposed fees would make the sewage treatment expenses the highest in the state of Florida for a service we do not need.



Please let me know how I can be added to the notifications list related to these proceedings.

Thank you in advance.

Martin and Janet Mueller

Property Address:

Hideaway Bay Beach Condominium

9400 Little Gasparilla Island

Unit C-6

Placida, FL 33946

Correspondence Address:

4405 W 111<sup>th</sup> Terrace

Leawood, KS 66211

## Charlie Smith

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**From:** Louise Volpe <loubreez570@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:36 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket # 20240032-SU; Opposition to Application for Original Certificate of Authorization and Initial Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service  
**Attachments:** Docket # 20240032-SU; Opposition to Application for Original Certificate of Authorization and Initial Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service.docx

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Louise Volpe, am the owner of property on Little Gasparilla Island within the proposed service area for Environmental Utilities, LLC (EU) application to provide wastewater service. My properties are located at 9842 Little Gasparilla Island and 9848 Little Gasparilla Island.

I am writing to object and oppose this APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION AND INITIAL RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE (the Application). I request that you DENY the Application. The Application does not demonstrate sufficient need for service, and the application and service are not in the public interest.

My family has owned property on Little Gasparilla Island since 1963. Like me, many of the homeowners have held property on LGI for decades. I have installed a private septic system at significant personal expense, and maintain this system in good operation. Eliminating the raised drain field will not provide an environmental benefit. And the risk of environmental hazard from the low-pressure system outweighs any potential benefit from the system.

The Application has not provided sufficient demonstration of need for the proposed service. The applicant has not received any approvals from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Application relies on general statements about removal of septic systems on barrier islands as the basis for need for service. It references service needs for failing systems and septic to sewer conversions as a basis for need. However, this is irrelevant because the proposed low-pressure system does not remove septic systems. If systems are in failure, the low pressure system will not cure those defects. Further, in the event of power loss (which occurs often on LGI) the low pressure system could fail causing back-ups and septic failures and resulting in increased environmental risk. In short, the justification for the application need is unrelated to the proposed system and irrelevant. The Application does not demonstrate need.

The proposed low pressure sewer system would be overly burdensome on the homeowners of Little Gasparilla Island. The proposed connection fees (over \$13,000) and proposed rates of over \$250/month are extremely high and a financial burden to many of the owners. These onerous rates would be among the highest in the state and cause an extreme hardship on many of the owners.

I stand with many of my neighbors in opposing this Application. It would not provide the intended benefit and the costs surely outweigh any anticipated benefit. The only one that stands to benefit is the utility owner. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We respectfully request that you DENY the Application.

Sincerely,

Louise Volpe

[Loubreez570@gmail.com](mailto:Loubreez570@gmail.com)

Florida Public Service Commission  
Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Sincerely,

Louise Volpe

Loubreez570@gmail.com

## Charlie Smith

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**From:** John Granger <jfgranger60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:09 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk; Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Cc:** lagranger@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Docket #20230032-SU

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Hello,

My name is John Granger and I am a property owner on Little Gasparilla Island. The address is: 8050 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida, FL 33946. I live on the north end of LGI, dock #4. I am formally requesting the Public Service Commission (PSC) deny Environmental Utilities (EU) application for wastewater service. The basis for my request is as follows:

1. EU will be owned and operated by the same people and organization that handles Little Gasparilla Water Utilities (LGWU). The water service on the island is very expensive and water quality is generally poor. We have chronic problem with "iron bacteria" which causes an orangish ring in toilets and sinks. I have complained several times but was told not much they can do about it. It is supposedly harmless but still gross. I believe the cause is lack of chlorine in the water and lack of a continuous flow loop. We are at the end of a long radial line and so water gets stagnant and conditions get worse during the summer heat.
2. I would like to see an implementation plan that prioritizes removal of septic systems based on condition, age and size (north end condos should go first). Houses with newer septic systems and designed/installed correctly would be required to connect after some reasonable time (e.g. 10 years)
3. Due to the critical nature of the wastewater system, the design needs to be very robust and should be performed by a Professional Engineer that specializes in wastewater systems and equipment. It's recommended and an Independent Engineer performs a design and installation review.
4. Operations and Maintenance (O&M) processes and procedures need to be developed that are specific to LGI. This needs to include off-normal procedures for expected equipment problems and a Emergency Response Plan for major failures, pipe breaks, or Hurricane.
5. A good cost estimate for each property should be provided. This will be tough to swallow with cost of everything sky rocketing. LGI residents pay extremely high taxes considering the very limited services on the island. There is basically no fire or police (needs to come by boat), no school access/busses, no roads or bridges to repair. Is there a way that residents can receive some sort of tax break to offset the sewer costs?

In summary, I think we all want to help the environment we are destroying so a wastewater system would be a good thing. However, due to its critical nature and location, it has to be very well planned, designed, installed, and operated. I do not think the proposed owner/operator is capable of this and EU application should be denied.

John Granger  
8050 Little Gasparilla Island

Placida, FL 33946

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561-309-1481

## Charlie Smith

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**From:** Wayne Evans <snartlet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:30 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Commissioner.LaRose@psc.state.fl.us; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20240032

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Dear Commissioner:

This letter is to respectfully submit that we are against putting the low pressure sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island.

We are homeowners in Hideaway Bay Beach Club. The system is not a complete solution and it puts undo burden on HBBC where we have a system in place that is already environmentally friendly and better than what you are proposing to change to.

Thank you.

Wayne Evans K6 Hideaway Bay Beach Club  
Ann Townsley-Evans K6 Hideaway Bay Beach Club



## Charlie Smith

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**From:** stop jack boyer <stopjackboyeronceandforall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:58 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Cc:** Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Fay; bill.truex@charlottecountyfl.gov; ken.doherty@charlottecountyfl.gov; chris.constance@charlottecountyfl.gov; stephenr.deutsch@charlottecountyfl.gov; joseph.tiseo@charlottecountyfl.gov; mfriedman@deanmead.com  
**Subject:** 2 letters of objection to Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket# 20240032-SU  
**Attachments:** sewer objection Lleras.pdf; sewer objection barney.pdf

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I have attached 2 letters of objection to docket @20240032.

**Julio Lleras**  
**3046 Huron Ave.**  
**Oldsmar, FL 34677**

Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

April 24, 2024

Re: Objection Letter - Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket #20240032-SU

Cc: Florida Public Service Chairman LaRosa, Florida Public Service Commissioner Clark, Florida Public Service Commissioner Passidomo, Florida Public Service Commissioner Graham, Florida Public Service Commissioner Fay  
Charlotte County Commissioner Truex, Charlotte County Commissioner Doherty, Charlotte County Commissioner Constance, Charlotte County Commissioner Deutsch, Charlotte County Commissioner Tiseo

Marty Friedman

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Julio Lleras. I own multiple properties on Little Gasparilla Island, specifically 8630 Wharf Avenue, 8556 Little Gasparilla Island, 8554 Little Gasparilla Island, 8558 Little Gasparilla Island, 8618 Marsh Street. I am asking that you deny Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application Docket #20240032- SU.

This is the second time we have had to fight the same illogical proposal for an inadequate, antiquated system by the same person. In addition to denying this application, please, please, please do not let him submit again.

The following are the main reasons to deny this application.


A. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES.

- B. Does Jack Boyer (EU) have the technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide ongoing services – NO as evidenced by the state of Little Gasparilla Water Utility. (Also a Jack Boyer private company)
- C. Is there a need for this particular service - NO. This is the wrong system to fix a problem that has not been proven to be caused by the current systems in place. Removal of the current sewage systems will cause massive destruction to our ecosystem. Replacing the septic tanks with a septic tank and pump system only removes liquids, not solids. The mechanical parts are going to need constant maintenance in this atmosphere with far more opportunity for spills. What is next? In 5 years, is Jack Boyer going to come up with a new system to replace the inadequate systems he is proposing? Again, at the cost of damage to the environment. The property owners will be, once again, putting their hard-earned money in Jack's pocket.
- D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO.
- a. There are grants available that would bring down the cost. However, since Jack Boyer is a "for profit" entity, he is not allowed to apply for them. Why isn't Charlotte County in charge of this project?
  - b. In addition to the very high, up front costs and destruction of the environment, there will be operating costs of approximately \$4,000 a year plus maintenance per property. All of the property owners suffered losses during Hurricane Ian. Many are still fighting the insurance companies. Many don't have insurance because of the massive increase in cost. How will these people be able to afford this system?

Attempting to fix one problem while creating multiple, more devastating problems is not smart!

Please accept this letter as my **formal objection** to this application.

Sincerely,



Julio Lleras

**Bryan and Cyndy Barney**  
**8654 Wharf Ave**  
**Placida, FL 33946**

Commission Clerk  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

April 24, 2024

**Re: Objection Letter - Environmental Utilities Wastewater Application  
Docket #20240032- SU**

**Cc: Florida Public Service Chairman LaRosa, Florida Public Service  
Commissioner Clark, Florida Public Service Commissioner  
Passidomo, Florida Public Service Commissioner Graham, Florida  
Public Service Commissioner Fay**

**Charlotte County Commissioner Truex, Charlotte County  
Commissioner Doherty, Charlotte County Commissioner  
Constance, Charlotte County Commissioner Deutsch, Charlotte  
County Commissioner Tiseo**

**Marty Friedman**

Dear Commissioners,

Our names are Bryan and Cyndy Barney. We are residents/owners of 8654 Wharf Ave. on Little Gasparilla Island. We are asking that you deny the application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County(CC) by Environmental Utilities,LLC (EU).

In the two years we have owned our property, this is the second time we have had to fight the same illogical proposal for an inadequate, antiquated system by the same person. In addition to denying this application, please, please, please do not let him submit again.

We realize you have many objection letters to review, so we included a summary of the very unnecessary, very long, very stressful, very expensive ordeal that Jack Boyer is putting us through followed by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the detail I would like to include.

Summary:

- A. Does EU have the technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide timely ongoing services - NO.
- B. Is there a need for this particular service - NO. This is the wrong system to fix a problem that has not been proven to be caused by the current systems in place.
- C. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES. The removal of the current septic systems and subsequent installation of the new will decimate the protected flora and fauna that have managed to fight their way back after the hurricanes.
- D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO. If the environment is really EU's main concern, they should be willing to become a Non-profit Public Utility.
- E. Do we want Jack Boyer to have Perpetual use of our land? - NO
- F. Where is Jack Boyer? - Can't be found
- G. Do we get a vote? You are our vote. Please help.

**A. Lack of technical expertise and/or financial ability to run this project and provide ongoing services.**

1. There is a lack of faith in EU to run a utility based on Mr. Boyer's history with LGI Water Utility (LGWUO. Mr. Boyer has proven that he cannot adequately operate a public utility as evidenced by his current and past operation of LGWU. A lot of these concerns were brought to the PSC attention previously. Some of the issues were shoddy work; repairs made with duct tape, pipes not buried to the proper depth; unavailability of LGWU employees during water pipe breaks; lack of timely boil water notices, water pipes crossing through property lines without permission; excessive lengths of time from request for service to the repairs being made (if at all).

We have personal experience with this. The water main in front of our house is frequently hit by carts going by. It is raised above the surface level of the path. We requested that it be repaired over two years ago. Amazingly, now that this proposal is before you, someone showed up and changed out the box around the shutoff so it looks "pretty". They did NOTHING to fix the problem, only make it prettier. It is now higher above ground and more of a hazard. If they are currently taking all of the profit from LGWU and putting it in their pocket instead of investing in staff and repairs for the water system, why would we think they would do anything different with the new utility they are creating. They have learned

that they can do this without any recourse from those of us funding it.

2. The LGWU office is operating on antiquated equipment. They can't even take an electronic payment for the quarterly fees. They want more than double the number of properties they currently service when they can't handle the current load.

3. The owners of EU don't have any experience or licensing for wastewater.

4. EU has less than \$5,000 in the bank. They don't want anyone to know what other resources they have as evidenced by the redaction of the financial information. What are the Boyer's hiding? Have they made so much money off the backs of residents from LGWU that they are afraid to show their financials?

**The Boyers are the sole owners of what should be a public utility.**

**Is this smart? NO**

**B. Is there a need for this particular system ? NO, it is not the correct system.**

1. While there is a need for a centralized waste removal system, this is not the correct system. This system does not remove all waste, only wastewater. The septic "tank" would still need to be pumped thereby not alleviating one of the challenges of septic tanks. I haven't made it through all 493 pages of the application, but, it has come to my attention that the only one permitted to fix or maintain these systems is EU. This creates a monopoly, not to mention the fact that they have NO experience with this type of system. They can't even maintain the "Public" Utility that they currently have.
2. Jack Boyer included information from Dr. Brian Lapointe about the need for a central sewer system. While he has many valid points, I didn't see anywhere in his information that the system proposed is the correct system. He did not indicate which type of Central System would cure the issues he listed.
3. The proposed system relies on an electric pump. Water was transported to LGI by many different means following Hurricane Ian. While some people were able to get their wells functioning and run them from generators, most were

without water for weeks. This was an Act of God and therefore, I don't hold Jack Boyer responsible. However, if the proposed sewage system had been in place, there would have been no sewage disposal available and there would have been a much, much larger problem on the island and the surrounding waters!

4. The septic systems in place have been working very well if maintained properly. There has been no proof that the problems in the Bay have been caused by septic system overflow. There are many different contributing factors that are not being addressed and certainly not cured with this system. In the meantime, wildlife and plant life are thriving.

**This is NOT the correct system.**

**C. Will there be destruction of protected native wildlife and foliage - YES.**

1. The paths will be decimated. This was evident during the recovery efforts after Ian and Idalia (which are ongoing). Heavy equipment was necessary for many reasons including, but not limited to, cleanup and rebuilding. The paths were destroyed and the residents were left to repair them on their own. Jack Boyer is proposing that he have unlimited access to all Rights of Way. He is proposing to clear the entire width of Rights of Way. Currently, our path is approximately 10 feet wide with foliage on both sides. Our right of way is 40 ft wide. He will be removing mature trees that are necessary for maintaining the ecosystem and protecting the island from storms. The equipment necessary for this type of project will cause the same problems with the paths as it did after Ian. Ian was an ACT of GOD. Jack Boyer does not have the right to play God.
2. Oh, and by the way, he wants perpetual access to our property. God only knows what he will do to our beautiful trees! Our remaining trees have struggled since the hurricanes. We have done our best to help them recover. They are not his, nor will we sit by and let him remove them. We do NOT grant him access to even look at our property, let alone walk on it and destroy it.
3. The Island's Gopher Tortoises (*Gopherus polyphemus*) will be decimated by this type of activity. They have had a hard enough time recovering after Ian and then Idalia. **Are they not protected from Jack Boyer? Islanders and visitors alike are**

very, very careful to take care of the Gopher Tortoise population. There are many other species that will also be affected.

**D. Are the costs reasonable to ask the property owners to pay? - NO.**

1. **Up-front costs in the submission:** There are many concerns about the cost of this project. Prices quoted by EU total \$13,511.00 for up-front costs. The prices estimated in the CC Sewer Master Plan (SMP) are significantly higher and listed in 2017 dollars. Costs at LGI would be \$22,540.00 based on occupied lots. These figures assume the transmission lines that EU is responsible for installing according to the CC Bulk Sewer Agreement are included in each area calculations. If, EU was able to secure the permitting to put the sewer line through two areas that are vital to the ecosystem, Don Pedro State Park and the mangrove islands between the mainland & the barrier islands, only one transmission line would be necessary. In that case, the average cost based on 964 ERC's would be \$20,722.12. Again these numbers are based on 2017 dollars. Construction costs have increased between 19 - 37 % since 2020. That would more than double EU's stated costs based on the CC SMP figures. We don't feel that EU has any idea what the monetary costs will be and less idea of the environmental impact of the construction. (Or maybe Jack just doesn't care). I don't find these up-front costs to be worth the damage that will be caused to the ecosystem for a system that is no better and probably worse for the environment than the septic systems we have.
2. **Up front costs not addressed in the submission:** They include: Electrician & electrical upgrades; barge fees for pump trucks & fill material when removing the current septic; landscaping costs; back up generators; loss of use of the homes while this is ongoing, interest costs on loans. Because EU is a for profit company, the island residents are also not able to defray the costs of the sewers using grants, bonds or MSBU's. The cost of a loan becomes a personal expense that cannot be transferred with the property if sold.
3. **Ongoing costs:**
  - a. **Monthly charge from Jack Boyer:** Who knows what the monthly bill for the sewer will be? An estimate of the monthly bill is a minimum of \$200 per month with additional usage fees.



- b. Pump out charges....according to epa.gov, the typical septic tank needs pumped every 3-5 years. The type of system proposed should be pumped, repaired and inspected every year. More importantly, the pump out trucks would need to be at every home every year....what will that do to our environment?
  - c. Maintenance of the system at our home: According to the EPA, "A service contract is important since alternative systems have mechanized parts". As we, the residents, know, mechanized means broken on LGI since the salt air and water is particularly harmful to mechanized equipment. Jack Boyer is requesting the exclusive right to service these systems...this creates a monopoly in addition to him having NO experience with this type of system.
4. **The regular property owner cannot afford these additional costs.** This is highlighted as we struggle to carry inflated costs for property insurances (flood, windstorm, and homeowners), increasing Charlotte County property taxes with precious little services to LGI , and our ever increasing private water supply utility service charges. This is also on top of the FACT that we are still rebuilding our property after destruction from Hurricane Ian!
  5. **If the health of the island and Bay are really the reason to do this project, then EU should be willing to become a Non-profit public utility.**

#### **E. Perpetual Use of our Land**

Jack is asking for new easements, rights of Way, etc. onto our property. There is no reason for him to have perpetual right to our property since there is no reason for this type of system. He is making us responsible for all costs, but wants our property too? This doesn't make sense.

#### **F. Where is Jack Boyer?**

Jack Boyer is nowhere to be found. He hasn't been seen on this island in months. Does he care about this island and the others included in his reign of destruction? Has he asked for input from residents? Has he held a "town hall" meeting to talk to residents? The answer to all of these is an emphatic NO.

**G. Do we get a Vote?**

We as property owners do not get a vote since it is approved/denied by the Commission. We **BEG** you to do the **RIGHT** thing. This application **MUST** be **denied** and Jack Boyer must be barred from submitting another application. He is abusing the time and money of the Taxpayers, The Commission, the County, and the property owners to the **detriment** of this protected piece of "Old Florida".

**Attempting to fix one problem while creating multiple, more devastating problems is not smart!**

**We are formally requesting an administrative hearing by the PSC for this application and to become, an intervenor and/or party of record.**

**Please accept this letter as our formal objection to this application.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Barney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Bryan Barney**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cyndy Barney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Cyndy Barney**

## Charlie Smith

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To our Commissioners:

We have once again received notice from Environmental Utilities, LLC that they are applying to provide wastewater services to our islands.

We vehemently oppose the installation of sewer systems. We've owned a home on Don Pedro Island for 22 yrs and have enjoyed the peace and natural beauty of the area.

We just replaced our septic in 2018, it works fine. We see no point in changing something that works - a sewer installation that's going to tear up our roads and property, disturb our fragile estuaries and wildlife, create havoc in traveling around the island during an installation.

I understand the estimated startup cost per property is appr \$13,000. and we will have an additional monthly bill to add to our water, electric and cable bills, not to mention incidental costs associated with the electrical panels or service to run everything. NO Thank you.

Please consider the homeowners that will bear the costs and the land that will be forever changed and probably not for the better.

Tracy and Tony December  
290 South Gulf Blvd #31  
Don Pedro