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VIA EMAIL

Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

UW-240589 ^{37543.0101}

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Re: Docket UW-240589; *WUTC v. Summit View Water Works*
Summit View Water Work's Customer Notice of Public Comment Hearing

Dear Executive Director Killip:

Summit View Water Works (Summit View Water or Company) submits the attached notices for review by Commission staff (Staff), specifically the Consumer Protection Division. Summit View Water requests that Staff provide any feedback on the attached notice within seven business days. *See* WAC 480-110-425(1).

Earlier on August 1, 2024, the Company provided customers notice of its proposed rate increase as required by WAC 480-110-425(3). The Company advised customers that it was requesting a \$514,000 annual revenue requirement increase in its general rate case filed with the Commission on July 31, 2024.

On September 26, 2024, the Company and its representatives appeared for a regularly-scheduled open meeting at the Commission. The Commission subsequently suspended this matter for adjudication.

Now, in an abundance of caution, Summit View Water submits the attached notices for Staff's review and approval, in case the Commission decides to hold a public comment hearing. Summit View Water notes that WAC chapter 480-110 does not require public comment hearings in adjudicated water company general rate cases, apart from any open meetings or adjudicatory hearings otherwise required by law. This is even more pertinent in light of a proposed settlement. Moreover, preparing for and participating in additional process with a proposed resolution of this filing pending only increases costs for all parties which is not in the public interest. Finally, customers have already had opportunities to participate in this proceeding. The Company has provided customers required notices and advised customers of their ability to file comments directly with the Commission. The Commission also considered the Company's proposed rate increase at its regular, September 26, 2024 open meeting.

In case the Commission requires an additional opportunity for public comment, the Company provides these notices to allow for a public comment hearing which it urges be scheduled as soon as possible. The notices describe the full multiparty settlement (Settlement) between Staff and Summit View Water, resolving all outstanding issues in the Company's pending general rate case. The Settlement provides

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for a substantially compromised \$325,000 annual revenue requirement increase. The attached Notice provides further detail on the Settlement.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience if you have any concerns.

Yours truly,

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Enclosures

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