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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Amanda Maxwell Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Docket No. UW-___: In the Matter of the Application for the Sale and Transfer of Assets from Northwest Water Services, LLC to Cascadia Water, LLC

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Cascadia Water, LLC ("Cascadia Water") submits this claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(4)(a) in connection with confidential information filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on June 8, 2022 in the above-captioned proceeding. Cascadia Water, through the supporting Confidential Exhibit 4 and Confidential Exhibit 6 to the Application, discloses certain information that is confidential and constitutes "valuable commercial information" as defined by WAC 480-07-160(2) and is protected under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW Section 80.04.095. The specific confidential information that Cascadia Water disclosed is: (1) the relevant part of NW Natural Holding Company's organizational chart (Confidential Exhibit 4); and (2) the Asset Purchase Agreement among Cascadia Water, Northwest Water Services, LLC ("Northwest Water Services"), and Kelly Wynn (Confidential Exhibit 6), including the purchase price and its other terms and conditions for Cascadia Water's acquisition of Northwest Water Services' assets. The confidential information is sensitive information due to the competitive market for water utility acquisitions, and as such, comprises valuable commercial information. Disclosure of the confidential information could negatively impact Cascadia Water's ability to negotiate future acquisitions. Accordingly, this information is confidential, as defined by WAC 480-07-160(2), and should be protected from public inspection, examination and copying.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric W. Nelsen

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