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

Re: Docket No. UW-240151: Cascadia Water, LLC General Rate Proceeding

Dear Mr. Killip,

Cascadia Water, LLC (“Cascadia Water”) submits this claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(5)(a) in connection with confidential information being provided to Staff as part of its investigation in the above-captioned proceeding. Cascadia Water is disclosing 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 is disclosing is: (1) the confidential organization chart of NW Natural Holding Company; (2) the confidential (unredacted) version of Cascadia Water’s general ledger and (3) additional confidential information that may be requested in this docket. The confidential information is sensitive information due to the competitive market for water utility acquisitions and the identification of employee names and compensation data, and as such, comprises valuable commercial information. Disclosure of the confidential information could negatively impact Cascadia Water’s ability to negotiate future acquisitions and/or to attract and retain employees. Accordingly, this information is confidential, as defined by WAC 480-07-160(2), and should be protected from public inspection, examination and copying.

Sincerely,

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