## Pelican Point Community Association Post Office Box 1602 Moses Lake, WA 98837

May 1, 2024

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: <u>Proposed June 1, 2024 Rate Increase Requested By Cascadia Water, LLC For the Pelican Point Water System; Docket UW-240151</u>

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Pelican Point Community Association, I am writing to express our concern about, and formal objection to, the recent notice circulated by Cascadia Water, LLC ("Cascadia") of its request for substantial water rate increases following its recent acquisition of the Pelican Point Water Company. As detailed in that notice Cascadia is proposing immediate and permanent rate increases of 89% to 103% for its various classes of service in the Pelican Point system. We respectfully submit that those dramatic, permanent increases in the current rates are not fair and reasonable and will result in substantial and undue hardship to the members of our community.

We acknowledge and appreciate Cascadia's recent operating and infrastructure expenditures to correct long-standing deficiencies in the Pelican Point Water system. We believe, however, that permanent rate increases of the magnitude proposed would be an unjustified and improper method of recovering those costs. We submit that a more limited, temporary assessment, amortized over the useful life of the improvements made, is the proper approach for recovery of the recent expenditures. We further request that any such assessment be phased in over a significant transitional period to allow our residents a period of time to adjust to any rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration of our input and requests.

Sincerely, EAM I May 01, 24

cc:

Elton Miller, President of the Board of the Pelican Point Community Association

Cascadia Water, LLC