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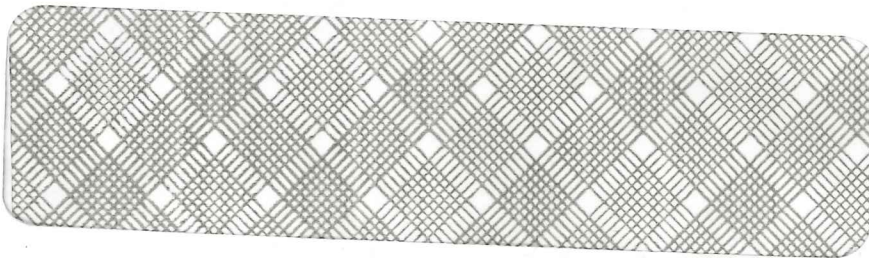
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To Whom It May Concern:

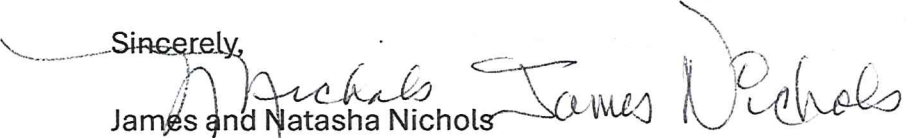
Cascadia Water, LLC has applied for a rate increase with the WUTC on 2-29-24. I object to the proposed rate increase and request that the Commission reject the rate filing in its entirety.

The increase Cascadia has requested will cause financial hardship for my family as well as on many other families in this area. I don't understand why those of us living in Blue Ribbon Farms should be required to pay for repairs, upgrades, and improvements to systems other than our own. Cascadia seems to buy many small community water systems and then try to spread the upgrades to those systems among the rate payers of systems they already serve. In areas where we've lived before, rate increases have occurred gradually, so that rate payers can adjust their budgets accordingly, not in one huge fell swoop! It is a principle used by many utilities, and Cascadia should look at adopting that principle, rather than hitting customers with a huge increase.

We understand that Cascadia claims that the consolidation of costs will help Cascadia communicate with its rate payers more effectively. Frankly we don't understand why this should be so. We also understand that Cascadia has not provided information regarding expenses over \$170,000 shown in the Water System Plan. This Water System Plan is supposed to provide customers with information on the condition of the water system as well as the need and cost of future work. We haven't heard anything about this plan and how it may impact us now or in the future.

Again, we request the Commission reject this rate proposal, certainly until more information from Cascadia is provided, that would prove its investments were appropriate and that rates are just, reasonable, and fair for each customer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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