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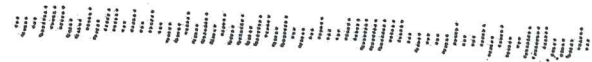


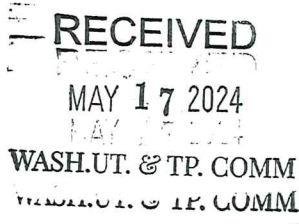
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May 14, 2024

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
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Re: Docket No. UW-240151

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

We write today to reinforce and echo the concerns expressed by a number of Clallam County residents regarding the rate increase proposed by Cascadia Water, LLC found in Docket No. UW-240151.

As you are aware, should these new rates be approved it will more than double the amount that system users currently pay: The "ready to serve" cost is proposed to increase from \$24/month to \$44/month, while residential base rates are proposed to double. These are huge increases for a county like ours where the median income is 30% less than the state average.

Please review these proposed increases carefully to ensure they are appropriate; it appears that some of the expenses, upgrades and improvements that are cited as a basis for this rate increase will not necessarily benefit local system users. We also ask that you review the proposed capital improvement projects, which appear to be funded via a perpetual rate increase rather than a UTC-approved surcharge as indicated in WAC 480-110-455.

Furthermore, we note that Cascadia Water, LLC is proposing to consolidate multiple systems in Clallam County. Given that this consolidated system would include more than 1,000 service connections in our county we wish to ensure that Cascadia has met its obligations under WAC 246-290-100 which, among other things, requires that a water system plan be submitted to and approved by the Department of Health. Our understanding is that this plan should include a detailed operations and maintenance program that covers system personnel, contaminant monitoring and importantly an emergency response program.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Mike French, Chair

Handwritten signature of Randy Johnson in blue ink.  
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Handwritten signature of Mark Ozias in blue ink.  
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