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re: WUTC v. Cascadia Water, LLC Docket UW-240151

Dear Director Killip:

We write today to ask the Commission for a 90 day extension for the currently 6-27-24 scheduled hearing and subsequent rate increase request proposed by Cascadia Water, LLC.

We have been contacted by a number of our constituents on fixed incomes, who have concerns about the justifications of the rate increases of 94%, in some cases, and think it would be appropriate to allow more time to evaluate Cascadia's request, both by them and the Commission. We agree.

There seems to be a lack of clarity with the interaction between DOH and the UTC around the required Water System Plan (WSP), Small Water System Plan (SWSMP) and the rate setting process. It is prudent for the Commission to make sure Cascadia Water LLC has met its' obligations under WAC 246-290-100 to coincide with any rate increases. It seems more time is necessary for this information to guide the rate review process.

It has come to our attention that there is a scheduled DOH and UTC staff meeting for 7-2-24 that could provide some clarity to the rate setting process before the Commission makes their decision, which speaks to value of a hearing extension.

Sincerely,

Senator Kevin Van De Wege
24th Legislative District

Representative Mike Chapman
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Representative Steve Tharinger
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