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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 CLOANTO CORPORATION, *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 HYPERION ENTERTAINMENT CVBA,

14 Defendant.  
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Case No. C18-381RSM

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO SEAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion to Seal Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 7, 10,  
17 and 11. Dkt. #99.

18 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." Local Rule 5(g).  
19 The Court's Local Rules explicitly instruct the parties to present legal and evidentiary support  
20 in a motion to seal. Normally that motion must include "a specific statement of the applicable  
21 legal standard and the reasons for keeping a document under seal, with evidentiary support  
22 from declarations where necessary." Local Rule 5(g)(3)(B). However:  
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25 Where parties have entered a litigation agreement or stipulated  
26 protective order (see LCR 26(c)(2)) governing the exchange in  
27 discovery of documents that a party deems confidential, a party  
28 wishing to file a confidential document it obtained from another  
party in discovery may file a motion to seal but need not satisfy  
subpart (3)(B) above. Instead, the party who designated the

1 document confidential must satisfy subpart (3)(B) in its response to  
2 the motion to seal or in a stipulated motion.

3 Local Rule 5(g)(3).

4 Plaintiffs are moving to seal documents that Defendants designated as confidential in  
5 discovery. Plaintiffs do not argue that these documents should be sealed; the only reason  
6 Plaintiffs have filed the instant Motion is to comply with the Court's Local Rule 5(g)(3). The  
7 Motion indicates that the parties failed to meet and confer about this issue. Defendants have not  
8 filed a response brief to this Motion. *See* Docket. The Court finds that no basis has been  
9 presented to keep these exhibits under seal.  
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11 Accordingly, the Court hereby FINDS and ORDERS that Plaintiffs' Motion, Dkt. #99 is  
12 DENIED. The Court DIRECTS the Clerk to immediately unseal Dkt. #101.  
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14 DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.  
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18 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
19 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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