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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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9 SEAN WILSON, individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 PTT, LLC, d/b/a HIGH 5 GAMES, LLC,

13 Defendant.

Case No. C18-5275RSL

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO SEAL

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15 This matter comes before the Court on “High 5 Games, LLC’s Motion for Leave to File
16 Under Seal.” Dkt. # 191. Defendant seeks to seal excerpts of testimony from plaintiff’s
17 deposition and corresponding sections of its opposition memorandum on the ground that the
18 information was designated as confidential by plaintiff’s counsel. The justification is
19 insufficient.

20 “There is a strong presumption of public access to the court’s files,” and, absent a
21 showing that the public’s right of access is outweighed by the interests of the public and/or the
22 parties in shielding the material from public view, a seal is not appropriate. LCR 5(g). A party’s
23 unilateral designation of a document as confidential under a protective order does not, in and of
24 itself, justify a seal under LCR 5(g)(2). Plaintiff did not file a response to the motion as required
25 by LCR 5(g)(3) or otherwise show the legitimate private or public interests that warrant a seal,
26 the injury that would result from public disclosure, or that the public’s right of access should

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2 Neither party has made the showing necessary to preclude public access to the documents
3 at issue. Defendant's request for a seal is therefore DENIED. The Clerk of Court is directed to
4 unseal Dkt. # 192-193.

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6 Dated this 30th day of January, 2023.

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Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge

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