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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA

8 RICK LARSEN, individually and on behalf
9 of all others similarly situated,
10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 PTT, LLC, doing business as High 5 Games,
13 LLC,
14 Defendant.

Case No. 3:18-cv-05275-TMC

ORDER DENYING DKT. 272 MOTION TO
SEAL

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16 **I. ORDER**

17 Before the Court is Defendant High 5 Games's motion to seal. Dkt. 272. The documents
18 at issue are Exhibits 1–6 to the Declaration of Craig Stewart in support of High 5's cross motion
19 for summary judgment, which Defendant has provisionally filed under seal attached to the
20 Declaration of Jessica Smith at Dkt. 273.¹ The exhibits consist of deposition transcripts of High
21 5 employees as well as the current and former named plaintiffs in this class action.

22 This District's Local Civil Rules make clear that a motion to seal must include "[a]

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24 ¹ Although the motion itself identifies only four exhibits, Dkt. 272 at 1, the declarations
themselves include six sealed documents. *See* Dkt. 271, 273.

1 specific statement of the applicable legal standard and the reasons for keeping a document under
2 seal, including an explanation of (i) the legitimate private or public interests that warrant the
3 relief sought; (ii) the injury that will result if the relief sought is not granted; and (iii) why a less
4 restrictive alternative to the relief sought is not sufficient.” W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3)(B).
5 “There is a strong presumption of public access to the court’s files.” Local Civ. R. 5(g).

6 High 5’s motion does not overcome this presumption. High 5 offers only the conclusory
7 argument that “High 5 Games and High 5 Entertainment are both privately held entities, and
8 these . . . depositions discuss[] sensitive, nonpublic topics that would have a substantial and
9 injurious effect on both entities’ business if an unredacted deposition transcript were to be
10 publicly released.” Dkt. 272 at 2. High 5 does not explain what that injurious effect would be,
11 why it overcomes the public’s interest in access to court files, or why a less restrictive alternative
12 is insufficient.

13 High 5’s motion (Dkt. 272) is therefore DENIED, and the Clerk is directed to unseal
14 Dkt. 273 and all its exhibits.

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16 Dated this 16th day of February, 2024.

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20 United States District Judge
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