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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 12th day of July, 2022.
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18 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
19 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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