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## No. 94129-7

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

OVERLAKE FARMS B.L.K. III LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Respondent,

v.

**BELLEVUE-OVERLAKE** FARM, LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Petitioner.

MOTION TO STRIKE REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR REVIEW

#### Relief Sought By Moving Party. 1.

Respondent Overlake Farms L.L.K. III LLC, asks the Court to strike Petitioner Bellevue-Overlake Farms, LLC's Reply in Support of Petitioner for Review because the Answer does not seek review of any issue.

#### В. **Argument and Grounds for Relief.**

"A party may file a reply to an answer only if the answering party seeks review of issues not raised in the petition for review." RAP 13.4(d) (emphasis added). This Court amended RAP 13.4(d) in 2006 to prohibit a "reply to an answer that is not strictly limited to responding to an answering party's request that the Court review an issue that is not raised in the initial petition for review." RAP 13.4, 2006 Drafter's Comments, reprinted in Tegland, 3 Wash. Practice 224 (8th Ed. 2014) (emphasis added). See Oltman v. Holland Am. Line USA, Inc., 163 Wn.2d 236, 261 n.17, 178 P.3d 981 (2008) ("The answer does not raise any new issues and a reply is therefore not authorized by the rules of appellate procedure.").

Petitioners expressly acknowledge that the respondent's Answer does not ask this Court to review the Court of Appeals decision. While mischaracterizing the arguments in respondent's Answer, petitioner has conceded that respondent has argued in its Answer that "this Court should decline review of the Opinion reversing and remanding this matter to the trial court." (Reply 1) Petitioner's reply does nothing more than reiterate its arguments for review stated in its original petition, and thus violates RAP 13.4(d).

### C. Conclusion.

This Court should strike petitioner's reply.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

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