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SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, LLC,

Appellant/Petitioner,

No. 95967-6

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Respondent,

SPRINGSTONE, LLC

Intervenor.

SPRINGSTONE'S ANSWER TO SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE SERVICES' MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING REPLY TO ANSWER TO PETITION FOR REVIEW

Intervenor-Respondent Springstone, LLC ("Springstone") makes the following answer in response to the Deputy Clerk's letter of September 7, 2018 and Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply:

Springstone would not oppose an extension given the demands on Petitioner's counsel, but objects to the submission of a reply. Under RAP 13.4(d), "[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." Here, neither Springstone nor the Department of Health sought this Court's review of any issues beyond those raised in the petition. Signature has no reason, and no right, to file a reply. *See Oltman v. Holland Am. Line USA, Inc.*, 163 Wn.2d 236, 261 n.17 (2008) ("The answer does not raise any new issues and reply is therefore not authorized by the rules of appellate procedure").

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of September, 2018.

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