

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 13, 2023

Justin Monroe Senior Vice President & General Counsel Washington Federal, Inc. 425 Pike Street Seattle, Washington 98101

> Re: Washington Federal, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed March 1, 2023 File No. 333-270159

Dear Justin Monroe:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact John Stickel at 202-551-3324 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance