

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DELTA ELECTRONICS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

VICOR CORP.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00227
Patent 9,516,761 B2

Before GEORGIANNA W. BRADEN, KARA L. SZPONDOWSKI, and
SEAN P. O'HANLON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

O'HANLON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion to Expunge Confidential Information
37 C.F.R. § 42.56

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.56, Vicor Corp. (“Patent Owner”) moves to expunge Exhibit 2032. Paper 14 (“Motion”). Patent Owner asserts that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* at 2.

II. DISCUSSION

A strong public policy exists for making information filed in an *inter partes* review publicly available. 37 C.F.R. § 42.14; *see also* Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (“CTPG”) 19–21 (Nov. 2019).¹ The public’s interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history is balanced with the party’s interest in protecting its truly sensitive, confidential information. *Id.* at 19–21. Because sealed information ordinarily becomes publicly available after final judgment, a party wishing to preserve its confidentiality may file a motion to expunge the information from the record. *Id.* at 21–22; 37 C.F.R. § 42.56.

We previously determined good cause existed to seal Exhibit 2032 because it contains confidential information related to Patent Owner’s products, including circuit diagrams. Paper 13, 48–49 (Decision on Institution). It was not necessary to discuss in detail any confidential information in rendering our Decision on Institution. *See generally id.* As such, expunging this exhibit would not hinder the public’s ability to understand the Decision on Institution. We therefore agree with Patent Owner that the public’s interest in being able to access this information does not outweigh Patent Owner’s need to protect its confidential information.

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

Accordingly, we grant Patent Owner's request to expunge Exhibit 2032.

III. ORDER

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion to Expunge is *granted*, and Exhibit 2032 is expunged.

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