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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

X CORP.,
Petitioner,

v.

STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00299
Patent 7,716,217 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, AMBER L. HAGY, and BACH V. HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motion to Seal
Entry of Default Protective Order
37 C.F.R. § 42.54

Petitioner moves, at Patent Owner's request, for entry of the Board's Default Protective Order and to seal Exhibit 1049. Paper 30, 1. *See also* Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (Nov. 2019), *available at* https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide. Petitioner explains that "Patent Owner contends that good cause exists to seal this document because Patent Owner represents that it contains confidential business information that would significantly harm its competitive position if made public." *Id.*

After reviewing Exhibit 1049, we agree that it contains sensitive business information. Along with the sealed version of Exhibit 1049, Petitioner filed a redacted version of Exhibit 1049, which has narrowly tailored redactions to protect only confidential information. Thus, we grant Petitioner's motion to seal Exhibit 1049. Given that we find good cause to seal Exhibit 1049, we also enter the Board's Default Protective Order in this proceeding.

Finally, we note that Exhibit 1049 does not include the "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" marking under the Default Protective Order. We give Petitioner leave to file a corrected version of that Exhibit 1049 with the required marking.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Board's Default Protective Order is entered into this case and shall govern the treatment and filing of confidential information in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Seal Exhibit 1049 is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall file a corrected version of Exhibit 1049 with the "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" marking.

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