

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

PGR2024-00050
Patent 11,920,339 B2

Before JEFFREY N. FREDMAN, NEIL T. POWELL, and
STEPHEN E. BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FREDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Motions to Seal and Entering Protective Order
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54

MOTION TO SEAL AND ENTER PROTECTIVE ORDER

Patent Owner filed a Motion to Seal several documents on file including an unredacted version of the Patent Owner's Response (Paper 18) and unredacted versions of Exhibits 2050, 2051, 2055, and 2059; and Exhibits 2064, 2066, 2068, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2075, 2086–2090, 2092–2131, 2136–2139, 2141, 2151, 2159, and 2165. Paper 20.

The parties also filed a Joint Motion for entry of the Stipulated Protective Order. Paper 17. The order was submitted as Exhibit 2048. The parties do not oppose each other's motions. Patent Owner explained that the redacted documents include commercially sensitive information including “sales, revenue, market share, and pricing information; research and development; identification of, and communications with, customers; and business strategies.” Paper 20, 2–5. Patent Owner further notes that these documents were designated confidential in District Court litigation. *Id.*

Because Patent Owner has shown good cause to protect certain confidential information in this proceeding (*see* Paper 20), we grant the request that these documents remain under seal. We note that the stipulated Protective Order includes changes from our default language. We note that nothing in the proposed Protective Order should be interpreted to act against or bind the Board or USPTO. We enter in this proceeding the parties' jointly submitted Protective Order (Ex. 2048).

ORDER

It is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for Entry of Stipulated Protective Order and to Seal are granted.

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