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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 Petitioner's Motion to Seal
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54

MOTION TO SEAL

Petitioner filed a Motion to Seal several documents on file including an unredacted version of the Petitioner's Reply (Paper 43) and Exhibits 1047, 1048, 1049, 1052, 1055, 1068, 1073–1077, 1079, 1080, 1082–1085, and 1089 consistent with the Protective Order (Ex. 2048) already entered in this proceeding in Paper 23. Paper 46. Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the motion. *Id.* at 1.

Petitioner explained that the redacted Petitioner's Reply includes commercially sensitive information including "sales, revenue, market share, and pricing information; research and development; identification of, and communications with, customers; and business strategies." Paper 46, 3. Petitioner further notes that these documents were either designated confidential in District Court litigation or reference information which was confidential. *Id.* at 4–6.

Because Petitioner has shown good cause to protect certain confidential information in this proceeding (*see* Paper 46), we grant the request that these documents remain under seal. As we noted in Paper 23, nothing in the Protective Order (Ex. 2048) should be interpreted to act against or bind the Board or USPTO.

ORDER

It is hereby:

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Seal is granted.

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