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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

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PGR2024-00050
Patent 11,920,339 B2

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

FREDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

# ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion to Seal
*37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54*

MOTION TO SEAL

Patent Owner filed a Motion to Seal several documents on file including the unredacted version of Patent Owner's Reply in Support of its Contingent Motion to Amend Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.221; the unredacted version of Patent Owner's Sur-Reply to the Petition for Post Grant Review; and unredacted versions of Exhibits 2197–2199 consistent with the Protective Order (Ex. 2048) already entered in this proceeding in Paper 23. Paper 54. Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the motion. *Id.* at 1.

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 54, 2. Patent Owner further notes that these documents were either designated confidential in District Court litigation or reference information which was confidential. *Id.* at 2–5.

Because Patent Owner has shown good cause to protect certain confidential information in this proceeding (*see* Paper 54), 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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