

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

PAICE LLC & THE ABELL FOUNDATION, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-00570
Patent 8,214,097 B2

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, and
CARL M. DEFRANCO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DEFRANCO, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

Decision
Patent Owner's Motion to Seal
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14 and 42.54

Patent Owner, Paice LLC & The Abell Foundation, Inc. (collectively, "Paice"), filed a motion to seal Exhibit 2001 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. Paper 9. Paice represents that Petitioner, Ford Motor Company ("Ford"), does not oppose this motion.

Exhibit 2001 is an arbitration agreement between Paice and Ford. Paice certifies that the arbitration agreement contains confidential information that has not been published or otherwise made publicly available. Although the issue of the arbitration agreement arose in the preliminary proceeding and was discussed in the Decision to Institute, it did not arise again during the course of trial, and we have not relied on Exhibit 2001 in rendering our Final Written Decision. As such, protecting the confidential arbitration agreement from public disclosure only minimally impacts the public's interest in maintaining a complete file history.

Further, Paice requests that an unredacted version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 7) be sealed because it discusses confidential information from the arbitration agreement, and, therefore, should be sealed for the same reasons the arbitration agreement should be sealed. Importantly, Paice filed a public version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 8) that redacts the confidential information.

Based on Paice's representations, the reasonably limited scope of the protection sought, and the fact that the motion to seal is unopposed, we determine that good cause exists to grant the motion to seal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.54.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Paice's motion to seal is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Paper 7 and Exhibit 2001 shall remain sealed; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Paper 8 shall be made public.

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