

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 IPR2015-00785
Patent 7,237,634 B2

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, *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., filed a motion to seal Exhibit 2303 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. Paper 11. Patent Owner represents that Petitioner, Ford Motor Company, does not oppose this motion.

Exhibit 2303 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. The issue of the arbitration agreement arose in the preliminary proceeding and did not arise again during the course of trial. Exhibit 2303 was not relied on in rendering the 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, Patent Owner requests that an unredacted version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 9) 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, Patent Owner filed a public version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 10) that redacts the confidential information.

Based on Patent Owner's unopposed representations and the reasonably limited scope of the protection sought, it is determined that good cause exists to grant the motion to seal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.54.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion to Seal is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Paper 9 and Exhibit 2303 shall remain sealed.

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