Paper 35

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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 IPR2015-00790 Patent 7,237,634 B2

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

DESHPANDE, 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 2603 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. Paper 12. Paice represents that Petitioner, Ford Motor Company ("Ford"), does not oppose this motion.



Exhibit 2603 is Appendix A that was submitted confidentially to Paice from Ford pursuant to an arbitration agreement between Paice and Ford. Paice certifies that Appendix A contains confidential information that has not been published or otherwise made publicly available. We have not relied on Exhibit 2603 in rendering our Final Written Decision. As such, protecting confidential Appendix A from public disclosure only minimally impacts the public's interest in maintaining a complete file history.

Further, Paice requests that an unreducted version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 10) be sealed because it discusses confidential information, and, therefore, should be sealed for the same reasons Appendix A should be sealed. Importantly, Paice filed a public version of its Preliminary Response (Paper 11) that reducts 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 10 and Exhibit 2603 shall remain sealed.



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