## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS Texarkana Division

DAVID STACY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 11-4018

PPC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,

Defendant.

## **CONSENT PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The parties, by counsel, have agreed to the entry of an order providing for the preservation of the confidentiality of certain private, commercial, and proprietary information exchanged in discovery, and it appearing to the Court that there is just cause to do so, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- A. Either party may designate material as confidential by marking the document with the word "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" conspicuously printed thereon.
- B. Confidential information received by a party and any and all copies thereof, together with any testimony relating thereto, shall be maintained in the manner provided in Paragraphs C and D below. If a party desires that testimony be considered confidential subject to this order, the party shall so notify the Court as soon as it appears that such testimony may be given.
- C. Confidential information shall be used only for purposes of this litigation, and may not be disclosed to any persons other than counsel, counsel's office staff, the parties, experts retained by the parties, and any other entities or persons who already have access to the information or that the Court expressly permits to have access. Any persons permitted to see the

confidential information pursuant to this Order shall be fully bound by the terms and conditions of this Order. Counsel for the party providing confidential information to any person shall notify such person of the requirements of this Order and obtain an acknowledgement from the person that the person is aware of the requirements of this Order and is bound hereby.

- D. Upon the conclusion of this litigation, all confidential information so designated pursuant to this Order and any copies or written summaries thereof shall be returned to the party who initially provided the confidential information or shall be destroyed unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- E. A party may, at any time, make a good faith challenge to the propriety of a Confidential or Highly Confidential Information designation. In the event a party objects to the designation of any material under this Order, the objecting party shall consult with the designating party to attempt to resolve their differences. If the parties are unable to reach an accord as to the proper designation of the material, after giving notice to the designating party, the objecting party may apply to the Court for a ruling that the material shall not be so designated. If such a motion is made, the designating party has the burden of establishing that the designation is proper. If no such motion is made, the material will retain its designation. Any documents or other materials that have been designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" shall be treated as Confidential or Highly Confidential until such time as the Court rules that such materials should not be treated as Confidential or Highly Confidential.
- F. Nothing contained in this Order shall affect the right, if any, of any party or witness to make any other type of objection, claim, or other response to discovery requests, including, without limitation, interrogatories, requests for admissions, requests for production of documents or questions at a deposition. Nor shall this Order be construed as a waiver by any

party of any legally cognizable privilege to withhold any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information other than on the basis that it has been designated Confidential or Highly Confidential, or of any right which any party may have to assert such privilege at any

stage of this lawsuit.

G. Other than as specified herein, the taking of or the failure to take any action to

enforce the provisions of this Protective Order, or the failure to object to any designation or any

such action or omission, shall not constitute a waiver of any right to seek and obtain protection or

relief in this action or any other action, such right including, but not limited to, the right to claim

that any information is or is not proprietary to any party, is or is not entitled to particular

protection or that such information does or does not embody trade secrets of any party. The

procedures set forth herein shall not affect the rights of parties to object to discovery on grounds

other than those related to trade secrets or proprietary information claims, nor shall it relieve a

party of the necessity of proper response to discovery devices.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered this and day of June, 2012

United States District Court Judge

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