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8 **United States District Court**
9 **Central District of California**

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11 **ALVACO, INC.,**

12 **Plaintiff,**

13 **v.**

14 **VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION**

15 **SERVICES, INC.; DOES 1–50, inclusive,**

16 **Defendants.**

Case No. 2:13-cv-05159-ODW(FFMx)

ORDER GRANTING IN PART
APPLICATIONS TO FILE
EXHIBITS UNDER SEAL

17 The Court has received two submissions from Plaintiff Alvaco, Inc. in
18 connection with its opposition to Defendant Veolia Transportation Services, Inc.’s
19 Motion for Summary Judgment that purport to be filed under seal. (*See* ECF Nos. 30,
20 32.) These documents are Exhibits 7 and 9 to Alvaco’s Opposition. (*Id.*) Alvaco
21 contends that these documents must be filed under seal to comply with the parties’
22 stipulated protective order.

23 After Alvaco improperly manually filed these documents with prior approval,
24 the Court struck them and instructed Alvaco to follow the proper under-seal
25 procedures. (ECF No. 33.)

26 That evening, the Court received an email from Alvaco with an application to
27 seal the exhibits. But Alvaco did not file the application on the docket or indicate that
28 it wished to file the application itself under seal—again violating the Court’s under-

1 seal filing procedures. See FAQs about Judges' Procedures and Schedules ¶ VVI,
2 available at http://tiny.cc/ODW_Under_Seal_Procedures. In any event, lest the Court
3 subject itself to another under-seal filing attempt, the Court will accept the improperly
4 submitted application.

5 The Court has reviewed Alvaco's Exhibits 7 and 9 and finds no reason for
6 Exhibit 7 to be filed under seal. The Court is flying blind in this inquiry, as Alvaco
7 has not actually stated any substantive reason for sealing the documents. Of course,
8 the Court understands that it was really Veolia that wanted these documents sealed
9 and thus placed its "confidential" label on them. But the Court sees nothing in
10 Exhibit 7 that should be shielded from public view. The Court thus **GRANTS**
11 Alvaco's Application to seal Exhibit 9 and **DENIES** the Application to seal Exhibit 7.
12 Alvaco shall electronically file Exhibit 7 on the public docket, and the Clerk of Court
13 will file Exhibit 9 under seal.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 June 5, 2014

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19 **OTIS D. WRIGHT, II**
20 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**