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Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

FRANKLIN E. DAVIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

PHILLIPS 66,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00128-JST

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of
3 confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure
4 and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly,
5 the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective
6 Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures
7 or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
8 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the
9 applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that
10 this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal;
11 Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be
12 applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

13 2. DEFINITIONS

14 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or
15 items under this Order.

16 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is
17 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of
18 Civil Procedure 26(c).

19 2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well
20 as their support staff).

21 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it
22 produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

23 2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium
24 or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,
25 transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to
26 discovery in this matter.

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1 information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving
2 Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of
3 publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the public record
4 through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the
5 disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the
6 information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party. Any use of
7 Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

8 4. DURATION

9 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this
10 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order
11 otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and
12 defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion
13 and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the
14 time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

15 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

16 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or
17 Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to
18 limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The
19 Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or
20 oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents,
21 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within
22 the ambit of this Order.

23 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown
24 to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily
25 encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on
26 other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

1 designate by page and line numbers the specific portions of a deposition transcript that shall be
2 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL” pursuant to this Order.

3 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other
4 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or
5 containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a
6 portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent
7 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

8 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
9 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s
10 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a
11 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in
12 accordance with the provisions of this Order.

13 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

14 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of
15 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s confidentiality
16 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens,
17 or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a
18 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original
19 designation is disclosed.

20 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process
21 by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each
22 challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must
23 recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph
24 of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must
25 begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication
26 are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging
27 Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and

1 must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the
2 circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen
3 designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it
4 has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party is
5 unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

6 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
7 intervention, the parties shall file a joint letter brief in accordance with Section F of this court’s
8 Standing Order for All Civil Cases within 21 days of the initial notice of challenge or within 14 days
9 of the Parties agreeing that the meet and confer process will not resolve their dispute, whichever is
10 earlier. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating
11 Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose
12 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions.
13 Unless the Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to
14 afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing
15 Party’s designation until the court rules on the challenge.

16 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or
18 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
19 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to
20 the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has
21 been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
22 DISPOSITION).

23 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a
24 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

25 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by
26 the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any
27 information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

1 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees
2 of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for
3 this litigation;

4 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving
5 Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

6 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is
7 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement
8 to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

9 (d) the court and its personnel;

10 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
11 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have
12 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

13 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably
14 necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A),
15 unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
16 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately
17 bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this
18 Stipulated Protective Order.

19 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or
20 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

21 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER
22 LITIGATION

23 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels
24 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party
25 must:

26 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a
27 copy of the subpoena or court order;

1 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the
2 other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this
3 Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

4 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the
5 Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

6 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena
7 or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL”
8 before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has
9 obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and
10 expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these
11 provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to
12 disobey a lawful directive from another court.

13 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS
14 LITIGATION

15 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this
16 action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in
17 connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order.
18 Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional
19 protections.

20 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-
21 Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the
22 Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s confidential information, then the Party shall:

23 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or
24 all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

25 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in
26 this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the
27 information requested; and

1 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

2 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14
3 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the
4 Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely
5 seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or
6 control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by
7 the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of
8 seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

9 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

10 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected
11 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order,
12 the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized
13 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c)
14 inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this
15 Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to
16 Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Disclosure of Protected Material other than in
17 accordance with the terms of this Order may subject the violator to such sanctions and remedies as
18 the Court may deem appropriate.

19 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED
20 MATERIAL

21 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced
22 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties
23 are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B), Federal Rule of Evidence 502 and
24 pursuant to applicable rules and codes of ethics. This provision is not intended to modify whatever
25 procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior
26 privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an
27 agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-

1 client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the
2 stipulated protective order submitted to the court.

3 12. MISCELLANEOUS

4 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek
5 its modification by the court in the future.

6 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order
7 no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any
8 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no
9 Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by
10 this Protective Order.

11 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a
12 court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the
13 public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected
14 Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal
15 pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant
16 to Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing that the
17 Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to
18 protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected Material under seal pursuant
19 to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
20 in the public record pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

21 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

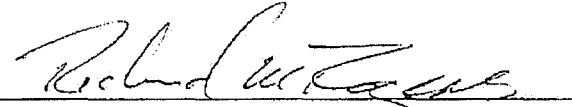
22 Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each
23 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material.
24 As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,
25 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether
26 the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written
27 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party)

1 by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies all the Protected Material that was returned and certifies to
 2 the destruction of any unreturned Protected Material, and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not
 3 retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing
 4 any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an
 5 archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal
 6 memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and
 7 consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such
 8 archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order
 9 as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

10 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 1, 2017



Hon. Jon S. Tigar
United States District Judge

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____ [print or
4 type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the
5 Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern
6 District of California on _____, 2017, in the case of *Davis v. Phillips 66*, Case No.
7 3:17-cv-00128-JST. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated
8 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to
9 sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in
10 any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person
11 or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

12 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern
13 District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even
14 if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

15 I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of
16 _____ [print or type full address and telephone number] as
17 my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related
18 to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

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20 Date: _____

21 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

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23 Printed name: _____

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25 Signature: _____