UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA NORFOLK DIVISION

I/P ENGINE, INC.,)))
	Plaintiff,)
V.)
AOL, INC. et al.,		ノ) 、
	Defendants.)))

Civ. Action No. 2:11-cv-512

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL PLAINTIFF I/P ENGINE, INC.'S BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN L. BECKER ALONG WITH EXHIBITS 1-5, 7-8, AND 10-11

In support of its Motion to Seal pursuant to Local Rule 5, Plaintiff I/P Engine, Inc. ("I/P Engine") states the following:

1. I/P Engine moves the Court for leave to file under seal its Brief in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Exclude the Testimony of Stephen L. Becker along with Exhibits 1-5, 7-8, 10-11. The afore-mentioned contain information that is marked as confidential by Defendants under the Protective Order entered in this matter on January 23, 2012 (D.I. No. 85) ("Protective Order").

2. There are three requirements for sealing court findings: (1) public notice with an opportunity to object; (2) consideration of less drastic alternatives; and (3) a statement of specific findings in support of a decision to seal and rejecting alternatives to sealing. *See, e.g., Flexible Benefits Council v. Feldman,* No. 1:08-CV-371, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93039 (E.D. Va. Nov

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13, 2008) (citing *Ashcroft v. Conoco, Inc.*, 218 F.3d 282, 288 (4th Cir. 2000)). I/P Engine's Brief in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Exclude the Testimony of Stephen L. Becker along with Exhibits 1-5, 7-8, and 10-11 contains information that is marked by Defendants as confidential. An in camera copy of the afore-mentioned is being provided to the Court. In light of Defendant's representation that this is confidential material under the Protective Order, there appears to be no alternative that appropriately serves Defendants' confidentiality concerns.

3. The information contained in the Opposition and Exhibits 1-5, 7-8, and 10-11 contains Google's proprietary and confidential information.

4. For the sake of consistency with practices governing the case as a whole, I/P Engine believes its Opposition and Exhibits 1-5, 7-8, and 10-11 should remain sealed and be treated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order.

5. Accordingly, and in satisfaction of the requirements of Local Rule 5, I/P Engine respectfully asks the Court to enter the Proposed Agreed Order sealing its Brief in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Exclude the Testimony of Stephen L. Becker along with Exhibits 1-5, 7-8, and 10-11.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of September, 2012, the foregoing

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