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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

No. C07-475MJP

Plaintiff,

MICROSOFT CORPORATION.

DIANNE L. KELLEY.

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' agreed motion for a protective order.¹ (Dkt. No. 35.) The Court will not sign the proposed protective order. The proposed order creates a new procedure for filing documents "conditionally under seal" with the Court. (Proposed Protective Order ¶ 13(b)). The local rules do not provide for this type of procedure, whereby a party wishing to submit documents that another party has marked "confidential" submits the documents "conditionally under seal" and shifts the burden to move for an order sealing the documents to the other party. The Court directs the parties to revise their protective order to reflect the sealing procedure articulated in Local Civil Rule 5(g). To submit documents under seal, the party submitting the documents must file a motion to seal those documents. If another party also wishes to have the documents sealed, that party should make the showing required under CR 5(g) in its response.

The parties did not file an actual motion, but instead filed only a proposed order. The Court treats the proposed order as if it were attached to a joint motion. In the future, the parties should file this kind of document as an attachment to a stipulation or joint motion.

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