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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT TACOMA

8 MEGAN STONE and CHRISTINE  
9 CAROSI,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
13 INSURANCE COMPANY,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-5383 BHS

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO  
SEAL AND REMOVING  
DOCUMENTS FROM THE  
RECORD

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Government Employees  
16 Insurance Company's ("GEICO") motions to seal (Dkts. 116, 122) and Plaintiffs Megan  
17 Stone and Christine Carosi's ("Plaintiffs") motion to seal (Dkt. 131).

18 Although the Court will normally entertain contested motions to seal, the parties in  
19 this matter have taken these disputes to another level. The Court declines to engage in  
20 unnecessary mini-disputes when the substance underlying the dispute was in itself  
21 unnecessary to the Court's ultimate resolution of the issue. In denying Plaintiffs' motion  
22 to remand, the Court did not rely on any of the currently sealed material. *See* Dkt. 135.  
Moreover, the Court declines to provide any additional basis for unnecessary collateral

1 proceedings alleging misuse of trade secrets. *See Government Employees Insurance Co.,*  
2 *v. Scott P. Nealey*, CV 17-807, 2017 WL 2572519 (E.D. Pa. June 13, 2017). Therefore,  
3 the Court **DENIES** the motions (Dkts. 116, 122, 131) as moot and the Clerk shall remove  
4 the documents from the record (Dkts. 118–121, 123–124, 127–129).

5 Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.

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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
United States District Judge