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Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered. Order regarding Case Management Order No. 17, Procedure for Filing Under Seal (#578 in #22-md-03029-PBS) and on the pending motions to seal in member case #22-cv-10153-PBS.

The court vacates CMO No. 17 as that procedure for filing under seal is creating unnecessary confusion. While the parties are free to confer and jointly propose a different procedure that will not result in the filing of multiple motions for leave to file under seal, the court orders as follows with respect to the procedure for filing under seal:

Procedure when the filing party is the party that designated the material as confidential. When a party seeks to file a pleading that refers to information that that party has designated as confidential or attaches as an exhibit a document that that party has designated as confidential, these steps are to be followed, in this order: (1) the filing/designating party must electronically file a version of the pleading and/or exhibit that may properly be viewed by the public (i.e. from which the confidential information has been redacted and/or to which a placeholder page is attached instead of the exhibit, if the exhibit must be sealed in its entirety); (2) the filing/designating party must then file a motion for leave

to file the unredacted pleading and/or exhibit under seal, explaining that the filing party designated the material as confidential and why it is appropriate that the material not be made public. The motion for leave to file under seal must identify the redacted version of the pleading and/or exhibit by ECF number. If the Court grants the motion, the filing/designating party will receive instructions for submission, to the Clerk, of the unredacted pleading and/or exhibit to be filed under seal. The non-filing/non-designating party may file a motion to unseal, within 10 days of the order granting the motion for leave to file under seal.

Procedure when the filing party is not the party that designated the material as confidential. When a party seeks to file a pleading that refers to the information that a non-filing party has designated as confidential or attaches as an exhibit a document that a non-filing party has designated as confidential, these steps are to be followed, in this order: (1) after conferring with the non-filing/designating party, the filing/non-designating party must electronically file a version of the pleading and/or exhibit that may properly be viewed by the public: (2) the filing/non-designating party must then file a motion for leave to file the unredacted pleading and/or exhibit under seal, explaining that a non-filing party designated the material as confidential and requested during the conference that the material be filed under seal. The motion for leave to file under seal must identify the redacted version of the pleading and/or exhibit by ECF number. If the Court grants the motion, the filing/non-designating party will receive instructions for submission, to the Clerk, of the unredacted pleading and/or exhibit to be filed under seal. The filing/non-designating party may file a motion to unseal, within 10 days of the order granting the motion for leave to file under seal.

As for the pending motions to seal in member case #22-cv-10153-PBS: #38, the Defendants' Motion to Temporarily Seal regarding its Motion for Summary Judgment, is denied as moot given that the Defendants thereafter filed #57, their Motion to Permanently Seal regarding DX15 to #54, which was allowed, see #70, and the time for filing a motion to permanently seal has otherwise expired.

#77, the Plaintiffs' Motion to Temporarily Seal regarding its oppositions to the Plunkett, Mills, Ferzoco, Kinard, and Michaels motions to exclude, is denied as moot given that the Defendants thereafter filed #100, their Motion to Permanently Seal regarding Exhibits G, J, M, O, P, Q, R, and U to #90, and #101, their Motion to Permanently Seal regarding Exhibits A, O, and T to #88, and the time for filing a motion to permanently seal has otherwise expired. #100 and #101 are allowed. Defense counsel need not take any action with respect to the proposed redacted versions of certain of these exhibits.

#120, the Defendants' Motion to Permanently Seal regarding Exhibit E to #95, is allowed.

Each party is responsible for ensuring, by November 14, 2025, that the Court is

in receipt of unredacted pleadings and exhibits if that party filed a pleading or exhibit that was redacted in light of a motion to temporarily seal and no motion to permanently seal was timely filed as to that pleading or exhibit. (Ferguson, Kerry)

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