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Opposition No. 91181376

Affinity Federal Credit Union

v.

United States Automobile
Association

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The stipulated protective agreement filed on August 21, 2008, is noted. The parties are referred, as appropriate, to Trademark Rule 2.126(d) and TBMP §§ 412.02, *et seq.* (2d ed. rev. 2004).

The parties are advised that only confidential or trade secret information should be filed pursuant to a stipulated protective agreement.¹ Such an agreement may not be used as a means of circumventing paragraphs (d) and (e) of 37 CFR § 2.27, which provide, in essence, that the file

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of a published application or issued registration, and all proceedings relating thereto, should otherwise be available for public inspection.

Discovery and trial dates remain as reset in the Board's August 7, 2008 institution order.

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