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17 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
18 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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20 RENE R. RODRIGUEZ,
21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 FARMERS INSURANCE CO. OF
24 ARIZONA; FARMERS
INSURANCE EXCHANGE; TRUCK
25 INSURANCE EXCHANGE; FIRE
INSURANCE EXCHANGE; MID-
26 CENTURY INSURANCE CO.; AND
FARMERS GROUP, INC.,

27 Defendants.
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) Case No. CV 09-06786 DDP (AJWx)

) **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

1 **PROTECTIVE ORDER**

2 Upon the stipulation of the parties for entry of the following Protective Order
3 pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to prevent disclosure
4 of confidential information, the Court enters the following order:

5 **1. Statement of Good Cause.** Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
6 26(c)(1)(G) permits the grant of a protective order upon a showing of good cause,
7 and provides that the protection of a trade secret or other confidential research,
8 development, or commercial information is a proper basis for the issuance of a
9 protective order. The parties have conferred and stipulate to the following:

10 This case involves a dispute between plaintiff Rene R. Rodriguez, on behalf
11 of himself and all others similarly situated, on the one hand, and defendants
12 Farmers Insurance Co. of Arizona, Farmers Insurance Exchange, Truck Insurance
13 Exchange, Fire Insurance Exchange, Mid-Century Insurance Co., and Farmers
14 Group, Inc. (“Defendants”), on the other (collectively, the “Parties” or “parties”). It
15 is anticipated that disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to
16 involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information relating to
17 the Defendants’ business activities and/or electronic systems, and of confidential
18 financial or other sensitive information of third party policyholders of some of the
19 Defendants. Public disclosure of this type of information would likely cause
20 significant harm to the affected party’s competitive position in the marketplace, or
21 to the security of third party policyholders’ confidential financial or other sensitive
22 information. As such, there is good cause for entering a protective order.

23 Accordingly, the Parties hereby stipulate and petition the Court to enter the
24 following Stipulated Protective Order (the “Protective Order”). The Parties
25 acknowledge that this Protective Order does not confer blanket protection on all
26 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords extends only
27 to the limited information or items that are entitled under applicable legal principles
28 to confidential treatment. The Parties further acknowledge, as set forth in

1 Paragraph 10 of the Protective Order, that this Protective Order does not create an
2 entitlement to file confidential information under seal; Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets
3 forth the procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be
4 applied when a party seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

5 **2. Nondisclosure of Protected Information.** Documents, tangible
6 items, discovery responses, deposition testimony, or other material or media
7 containing confidential information disclosed or produced by any party in this
8 litigation are referred to as “Protected Information.” Except as otherwise indicated
9 below, all documents, tangible items, discovery responses, deposition testimony or
10 other information designated by the producing party as “Confidential” and which
11 are disclosed or produced to the attorneys for other parties to this litigation are
12 Protected Information and are entitled to confidential treatment as described below.

13 **3. Marking of Protected Information.**

14 Any designation of Protected Information made in accordance with this
15 Protective Order also shall apply to all documents that reproduce, paraphrase,
16 summarize or otherwise contain information from the documents, materials,
17 testimony, and information so designated. Documents, materials, testimony, and
18 information shall be designated as follows:

19 (a) **Hard Copy and/or Imaged Documents.** Documents containing
20 Protected Information may be designated by any party as “confidential” by marking
21 each page of the document so designated with a stamp stating “CONFIDENTIAL.”

22 (b) **Electronic Documents Produced In Native Form.** To avoid altering
23 documents produced in native form, the producing party shall stamp or label the
24 front of any CD, DVD, or other electronic media containing any group of produced
25 documents with the term “CONFIDENTIAL.”

26 (c) **Non-written materials.** For materials produced in non-written form,
27 the party making the designation shall notify all parties in writing of the designation
28 being made and describe in detail the specific materials that are being designated.

1 In the case of non-written media, such as videotapes, DVDs, hard drives, or
2 computer diskettes, the producing party shall prominently stamp or label the media
3 produced with the term “CONFIDENTIAL.”

4 **4. Published Documents.** Protected Information shall not include
5 materials that on their face show they have been published to the public.

6 **5. Declassification.** A party will designate information as “confidential”
7 only if it believes in good faith that it contains Confidential Information. If a party
8 believes that material has been improperly designated as Protected Information
9 subject to this Protective Order, that party’s counsel (“Challenging Party”) shall so
10 notify, in writing, counsel for the party or other person or entity producing the
11 Protected Information (“Responding Entity”). The Challenging Party and
12 Responding Entity shall then meet and confer in good faith concerning such
13 disputed designation within seven (7) days of receipt of the notice. If the dispute is
14 not resolved by mutual agreement, the Challenging Party may move the Court to
15 remove the confidential designation of the documents or materials produced.
16 Information designated as Protected Information shall remain subject to the terms
17 of this Protective Order pending the Court’s determination of any motion for
18 removal such protection. On any such motion the Responding Entity will bear the
19 burden of proof that the Confidential designation in question should not be
20 removed.

21 **6. Additional Orders.** This Order shall not abrogate any party or other
22 entity’s right to refuse to produce Protected Information, or to redact certain
23 portions thereof, upon proper grounds, including without limitation, on the basis of
24 any applicable privilege or statute. Furthermore, any party may also seek further
25 protective orders as they may deem appropriate to safeguard Protected Information.

26 **7. Use of Protected Information.** Protected Information shall not be
27 used or shown, disseminated, copied, or in any way communicated to anyone for
28 any purpose whatsoever, except as provided in Paragraph 8 below. Protected

1 Information shall be used solely for the purpose of preparation and trial of this
2 litigation, and for no other purpose. This prohibition does not prevent a party or
3 entity from using or disclosing information obtained independently of a Responding
4 Entity and does not prevent any party from disclosing any of its own Protected
5 Information to its counsel of record, employees of such counsel, to its experts,
6 consultants and investigators or to the Qualified Persons designated below.

7 **8. Permissible Disclosure of Protected Information.** All Protected
8 Information shall be maintained in confidence and shall not be disclosed, directly or
9 indirectly, to any person or entity, except as provided in this Protective Order.
10 Access to and/or disclosure of information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” shall
11 be limited to the following individuals (“Qualified Persons”):

12 (a) The parties (or, when the party is not a natural person, their employees
13 or representatives) and counsel of record in this action for the party or parties
14 receiving the Protected Information;

15 (b) Employees of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist such
16 counsel in the preparation and trial of this action;

17 (c) Witnesses, including expert witnesses (and their staff), and consultants
18 or investigators, who have agreed in writing (in the form attached as Exhibit A) to
19 be bound by this Order, and their counsel, if any, provided such counsel also has
20 agreed in writing (in the form attached as Exhibit A) to be bound by this Order.
21 Those individuals’ written agreements shall be retained by counsel for the non-
22 producing party and furnished to counsel for the producing party when the witness
23 is disclosed in the litigation;

24 (d) Court reporter(s) employed in this action; and

25 (e) The Court, including its employees and the jury.

26 No provision in this section shall be construed as limiting the subpoena
27 power of another court in a separate action. If a Party receives a subpoena
28 requesting documents received under this Protective Order from a producing party,

1 the party shall promptly notify the producing party so that the producing party may
2 have an opportunity to seek a protective order.

3 **9. Copies.** The term “copy” as used herein means any photographic,
4 mechanical or computerized copy or reproduction of any document or thing, or any
5 verbatim transcript, in whole or in part, of such document or thing. No person shall
6 make copies, extracts or summaries of Protected Information, except under the
7 supervision of counsel when, in the judgment of counsel, such copies or other
8 papers are necessary for the litigation of this action. Counsel and other persons to
9 whom the Protected Information are disclosed pursuant to Paragraph 8 of this Order
10 shall take all reasonable and appropriate precautions to avoid loss or inadvertent
11 disclosure of such Protected Information.

12 **10. Requirements to File Under Seal; Filing with the Court.** If a party
13 wishes to file with the Court a pleading, motion, memorandum, brief, deposition
14 transcript, discovery request or response, exhibit, or other document that produces
15 paraphrases, summarizes, or otherwise contains any Protected Information, the
16 party filing the materials shall comply fully with all applicable local rules relating
17 to filings under seal including, without limitation, Local Civil Rule 79-5.1. The
18 party applying for filing or lodging a document under seal shall file a public version
19 of the document with the confidential material redacted.

20 **11. Depositions.** To the extent that Protected Information is used at
21 depositions, such documents or information shall remain subject to the provisions
22 of this Order, along with the transcript pages of the testimony referring to the
23 Protected Information. Testimony is Protected Information under the terms of this
24 Order only if counsel for a party advises the court reporter and opposing counsel of
25 such designation at the deposition, or by written designation to all parties and the
26 court reporter within fourteen (14) days after receiving the transcript of such
27 deposition or hearing of the specific pages and lines of the transcript (or numbered
28 exhibits) that should be treated as Protected Information thereafter. If the

1 designation is made in writing after the deposition or hearing, each party shall
2 attach a copy of such written notice to the face of the transcript and each copy
3 thereof in his, her or its possession, custody or control.

4 To the extent possible, the court reporter shall identify in the transcript the
5 designation of Protected Information.

6 Disclosure of Protected Information to a witness during a deposition shall not
7 constitute waiver of the designation of such information as Confidential for all
8 other purposes provided herein. Information disclosed at (a) the deposition of a
9 party or one of its present or former officers, directors, employees, agents or
10 independent experts retained by counsel for the purpose of this litigation, or (b) the
11 deposition of a third party may be designated by any party as “Confidential”
12 information by indicating on the record at the deposition that the testimony is
13 “Confidential” and is subject to the provisions of this Order.

14 **12. Transcripts.** Any court reporter or transcriber who reports or
15 transcribes testimony in this action shall agree that all Protected Information
16 designated as such under this Order shall remain confidential and shall not be
17 disclosed by them, except pursuant to the terms of this Order, and that any notes or
18 transcriptions of such testimony (and any accompanying exhibits) will be retained
19 by the reporter or delivered to counsel of record.

20 **13. Use of Protected Information at Hearing or Trial.** If a party wishes
21 to use or introduce Protected Information at a hearing or trial, that party shall give
22 seven (7) days’ notice to the producing party, so that the producing party has a
23 reasonable opportunity to seek further orders from the Court concerning the
24 admissibility, confidentiality, or use of such information at the trial or hearing.

25 **14. Inadvertent Production.** The inadvertent failure to designate
26 Protected Information properly (or at all) in accordance with this Protective Order
27 prior to or at the time of disclosure shall not operate as a waiver of a party’s right to
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1 thereafter designate such information as confidential within thirty (30) days after
2 such disclosure.

3 Inadvertent production or disclosure of documents or information subject to
4 the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or any other applicable
5 privilege or protection from disclosure shall not constitute a waiver of, nor
6 prejudice to, any claim that such or related material is privileged or protected by the
7 work product doctrine or any other applicable privilege or protection from
8 disclosure, provided that the producing party notifies the receiving party in writing
9 promptly after discovery of such inadvertent production. Such inadvertent
10 produced documents or information, including all copies thereof, shall be returned
11 to the producing party immediately upon request. No use shall be made of such
12 documents or information during deposition or at trial, nor shall such documents or
13 information be shown to anyone who has not already been given access to them
14 subsequent to the request that they be returned, provided, however, that receiving
15 party may move the Court for an Order compelling production of such information,
16 but the motion shall not assert as a ground for production the fact of the inadvertent
17 production.

18 **15. Prohibition Against Dissemination.** The party or parties receiving
19 Protected Information shall not under any circumstances share, sell, offer for sale,
20 provide for free or otherwise disseminate, advertise, or publicize Protected
21 Information. This prohibition does not prevent a party from using or disclosing
22 documents or information obtained independently of a responding party.

23 **16. Nontermination and Disposition of Protected Information.** After
24 termination of this litigation, including the exhaustion of appeals, the provisions of
25 this Order shall continue to be binding, except with respect to those documents and
26 information that become a matter of public record through no violation of this
27 Order or fault of any party or entity other than the producing party. Within 90 days
28 after the final conclusion of this Action by settlement, judgment without appeal, or

1 issuance of a mandate by an appellate court, counsel of record for each party shall,
2 upon request, return to the applicable designating party or non-party, or certify to
3 them in writing that it has destroyed, all Protected Information designated by such
4 party or non-party during the course of this Action, including all copies of
5 discovery and all excerpts or summaries thereof or any other materials derived
6 therefrom or referring thereto, except that each counsel of record may maintain a
7 single copy of all pleadings containing such information and except for any
8 documents properly classified as work product.

9 **17. Binding Effect.** Any party designating any person as a Qualified
10 Person shall have the duty to reasonably ensure that such person observes the terms
11 of this Protective Order and shall be responsible upon breach of such duty for the
12 failure of any such person to observe the terms of this Protective Order. This Order
13 shall be binding upon persons executing Exhibit A hereto, the parties, and their
14 respective attorneys, successors, representatives, administrators, heirs, assigns,
15 subsidiaries, divisions, employees, agents, independent contractors, or other
16 persons or organizations over which they have control.

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18. Application for Modification. Nothing in this Order shall preclude any party from applying to the Court for a modification of the Order.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: August 5, 2010

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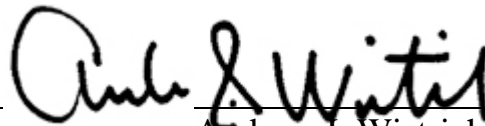
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Exchange; Mid-Century Insurance Co.;
and Farmers Group, Inc.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

August 11, 2010

DATED: _____



Andrew J. Wistrich
United States Magistrate Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RENE R. RODRIGUEZ,)	Case No. CV 09-06786 DDP (AJWx)
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Plaintiff,)	DECLARATION AND
)	AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY
v.)	PROTECTIVE ORDER
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FARMERS INSURANCE CO. OF)	
ARIZONA; FARMERS)	
INSURANCE EXCHANGE;)	
TRUCK INSURANCE)	
EXCHANGE; FIRE INSURANCE)	
EXCHANGE; MID-CENTURY)	
INSURANCE CO.; AND FARMERS)	
GROUP, INC.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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I, _____, acknowledge and declare
as follows:

1. My address is:

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2. I have received a copy of the Protective Order in this Action; I have
carefully read and understand the provisions of the Protective Order; and I agree to
comply with, and to be bound by, its terms.

3. I will hold in confidence, not disclose to anyone not qualified under
the Protective Order, and will use only for purpose of this Action, materials that are
disclosed to me and marked or designated as "Confidential" or as Protected
Information as defined in the Protective Order.

4. I will immediately return all materials marked or designated as
Confidential Information that may come into my possession, and documents or

1 things which I may prepare relating thereto to counsel for the party producing such
2 materials upon receipt of a request to do so at the conclusion of the Action.

3 5. I hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the United States
4 District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of any
5 proceeding to enforce or secure compliance with the terms of this Protective Order,
6 or to punish the breach of any of the terms of this Protective Order. I understand
7 that I may be found in contempt of court if I violate this Agreement.

8 6. I understand and agree that my obligations under this Certification and
9 Agreement and the Protective Order will survive and continue beyond the
10 termination of the Action.

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12 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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15 Dated: _____

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Signature

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Printed Name

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