

**United States Department of Energy
Office of Hearings and Appeals**

In the matter of John Robertson)		
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Filing Date: September 12, 2012)	Case No.:	WBJ-12-0001
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Issued: September 12, 2012

Protective Order

Steven J. Goering, Hearing Officer:

This Decision and Order involves a Complaint of Retaliation filed by John Robertson against KQ Services under the DOE’s Contractor Employee Protection Program and its governing regulations set forth at 10 C.F.R. Part 708. I have scheduled a hearing in this matter to begin on September 19, 2012. The Part 708 regulations provide that the Hearing Officer “may permit parties to obtain discovery by any appropriate method, including . . . production of documents,” and may “direct that documentary evidence be served upon other parties (under protective order if such evidence is deemed confidential).” 10 C.F.R. § 708.28(b).

During the process of pre-hearing discovery in this matter, counsel for KQ Services requested that the DOE Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) Employee Concerns Program (ECP), produce certain documents in its possession. On September 12, 2012, DOE-SR submitted a Stipulated Protective Order, attached hereto, to which DOE-SR, Mr. Robertson, and counsel for KQ Services have agreed to be bound. The Order states, *inter alia*, that the names or any other identifying information of certain individuals named in the documents shall remain confidential.

I have reviewed the attached Stipulated Protective Order and have concluded that it should be issued as an Order of the Department of Energy.

It Is Therefore Ordered That:

The attached Stipulated Protective Order is hereby issued as a final Order of the Department of Energy.

Steven J. Goering
Hearing Officer
Office of Hearings and Appeals

Date: September 12, 2012