

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:15cv452

POWHATAN ENERGY FUND, LLC, *et al.*,

Defendant.


ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") Motion for Leave to File Under Seal (the "Motion"). (ECF No. 264.) In the Motion, FERC seeks leave from the Court "to file under seal its Brief in Support of Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint to Add Relief Defendants and Exhibits B through F thereto." (Mot. 1.) FERC explains that these exhibits "have been designated by Defendant Powhatan . . . as 'Confidential' under the Consent Protective Order issued by the Court on March 22, 2021[,] (ECF No. 170), and the Brief [supporting this motion] quotes and discusses these exhibits." (Mot. 1.) One week after FERC filed the Motion, Powhatan filed its response, noting that "Powhatan has no objection to these documents being made part of the public record." (Resp. 1, ECF No. 267.)

Upon due consideration, and because the public's right to access these materials clearly outweighs any interest in sealing them, the Court DENIES the Motion. (ECF No. 264.)

It is SO ORDERED.

Date: 12-23-2021
Richmond, Virginia

/s/ 
M. Hannah Lauck
United States District Judge