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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

FANTASTIC SAMS FRANCHISE
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

REGIS CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C08-706RAJ

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable Richard A. Jones:

The court has received the parties' stipulated protective order (Dkt. # 36). For the reasons stated below, the court DENIES the stipulation.

Litigants often enter agreements regarding the confidentiality of documents they exchange during discovery. The court encourages such agreements, as they are often helpful in conducting discovery efficiently and without the intervention of the court. In the instant agreement, however, the parties purport to agree that documents may be filed under seal without complying with the court's local rules. *See* Stipulation ¶ 5. The stipulation does not require that the parties file a motion to seal documents, nor does it

1 require them to include a “clear statement of the facts justifying a seal and overcoming
2 the strong presumption in favor of public access,” as required by Local Rules W.D.
3 Wash. CR 5(g)(2). Under no circumstances will the court enter a stipulated protective
4 order where the parties do not explicitly agree to comply with Local Rules W.D. Wash.
5 CR 5(g) regarding filing documents under seal.
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7 Filed and entered this 11th day of March, 2009.

8 BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

9 s/Consuelo Ledesma

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