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Letter of Confidentiality Request

Dear Reviewer,

Symbol Technologies ("Symbol"), requests that the Block Diagram, Schematics, and operational Description exhibits of the referenced application be withheld from routine availability for public inspection pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commissions Rules an Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA) Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (4).

These exhibits consist of "trade secrets (or) commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential" 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (4), and is therefore entitled to protection from disclosure under FOIA.

The documents in question contain trade secrets: detailed technical descriptions, specifications and schematics for a product to be offered for sale. These materials provide particulars on the product design. This information would give Symbol's competitors an unearned and unwarranted competitive advantage.

The documents contain "commercial information" within the scope of FOIA exemption 4. This information is the product of Symbol's investment of money, personnel, and other resources. The result of the investment is a fairly earned position in the marketplace. Premature release of the information threatens substantial and unwarranted harm to Symbol's competitive position.

For these reasons, Symbol has taken pains to keep this technical information confidential, and intends to continue doing so. Symbol customarily witholds this information from persons outside the employ of Symbol and certain of its suppliers and contractors, and even within these groups routinely limits access to persons having a particular need for the information. If the Commission were to make these documents public, it would be giving away hard won fruits of Symbols labors without compensation.

The filing fee that is required for this confidentiality request is included in the check that accompanies this application.

If there are any questions about this request, please call me at the number above.
Thank you for your attention.
Respectfully submitted,

Edward Barnes