

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

DAMON P. STEPP,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) No. 1:13-cv-00683-TWP-MJD
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REXNORD INDUSTRIES, INC.,)
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Defendant.)
_____)
Jay Meisenhelder,)
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Intervenor.)
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ORDER ON PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR SEALING OF EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion for Sealing of Email Communications between Attorney and Client. [Dkt. 79.] For the reasons stated below, the Court **DENIES** the motion.

Plaintiff in this motion asks the Court to seal various emails between Plaintiff and his former counsel. These documents were previously filed with the Court, [Dkt. 75], and thus became part of the “underpinning” of this case on which judicial decisions may be based. *Baxter Int’l, Inc. v. Abbott Labs.*, 297 F.3d 544, 545. As such, they are presumptively subject to public inspection “unless they meet the definition of trade secrets or other categories of bona fide long-term confidentiality.” *Id.* To establish such confidentiality, a motion must “analyze in detail, document by document, the propriety of secrecy, providing reasons and legal citations” for the same. *Id.* at 548.

Plaintiff's motion does not meet this standard. Plaintiff provides no explanation, analysis, or legal justification of any kind to support his request, [see Dkt. 79 at 1-2], and the Court therefore **DENIES** his motion.

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United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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