

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

RAYMOND LIZANA

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:08CV501-LTS-MTP

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

DEFENDANT

ORDER ON MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the court on the motion [30] for protective order filed by State Farm Fire & Casualty Company (“State Farm”). Plaintiff opposes [31] the entry of any protective order. Alternatively, should the court find good cause to enter a protective order, Plaintiff invites the court to conduct an *in camera* inspection of all documents any party might deem confidential at any point in these proceedings.

State Farm has cited numerous cases¹ within this jurisdiction, with facts and issues very similar to those involved in this matter, wherein protective orders have been entered with respect to the same types of information at issue here. As in those cases, State Farm has demonstrated good cause for the entry of a protective order and, accordingly, the motion will be GRANTED.

Plaintiff’s argument over the sufficiency of State Farm’s privilege log is misplaced. Such logs are generally used to allow the party seeking documents to determine whether they desire to seek production of the withheld records. Here the records at issue are being produced, albeit pursuant to a protective order. Plaintiff will not have to rely on State Farm’s privilege log to determine what information is contained in the 46 documents deemed trade secrets by State

¹Motion [30], pp. 8-9.

Farm. Instead, he will have the documents themselves.

The court declines Plaintiff's invitation to conduct an *in camera* review of the documents at issue. Challenges to the confidential designation of a particular document may be made via appropriate motion. However, any such motion must comply with the provisions of Local Rule 37.1.

Consistent with numerous prior orders entered in this district and division and for good cause shown, the court finds that a protective order should be entered. A separate order will issue.

SO ORDERED on August 21, 2009.

s/ Michael T. Parker

United States Magistrate Judge