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While the Court has discretion to seal filings where appropriate, “the general presumption [is] that court documents are to be available to the public.” *In re Pepco Employment Litig.*, No. 86–0603, 1992 WL 115611, at *5–7 (D.D.C. May, 8 1992).

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proceedings.^{1/} The Court cautions that it generally believes that public access outweighs private interests in all instances save well established claims involving trade secrets.

The Court thus **DENIES** the Defendant's motion to seal trial exhibits based on the parties' protective order. The Court will examine the exhibits at trial, which is set for this Monday, May 2, 2011, and issue its ruling then. Counsel will have an opportunity to give argument in support.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 29, 2011

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

^{1/} "These factors include: (1) the need for public access to the documents at issue; (2) the extent to which the public had access to the documents prior to the sealing order; (3) the fact that a party has objected to disclosure and the identity of that party; (4) the strength of the property and privacy interests involved; (5) the possibility of prejudice to those opposing disclosure; and (6) the purposes for which the documents were introduced." [*See Johnson v. Greater Se. Cmty. Hosp. Corp.*, 951 F.2d 1268, 1277-78 \(D.C. Cir. 1991\).](#)