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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ASCEND CAPVENTURES INC., also doing business as Ascend Ecom LLC; Ascend Ecomm LLC; ACV; ACV Partners; Accelerated Ecommerce Ventures; Ascend Distribution LLC; Ethix Capital; and ACV Nexus, a Wyoming close corporation profit corporation,
ASCEND ECOMMERCE INC., also doing business as Ascend Ecom LLC, a Wyoming close corporation profit corporation,
ASCEND ADMINISTRATION INC., a California general stock corporation,
ASCEND ECOM LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company,
ASCEND DISTRIBUTION LLC, a Texas limited liability company,
WILLIAM MICHAEL BASTA, individually and as officer and/or owner of Ascend Ecom LLC, Ascend Capventures Inc., Ascend Ecommerce

Case No. 2:24-cv-07660-SPG-JPR

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S *EX PARTE* APPLICATION TO TEMPORARILY SEAL THE DOCKET AND THE ENTIRE CASE FILE [ECF NO. 3]

Inc., Ascend Administration Inc., Ascend Distribution LLC, and JEREMY KENNETH LEUNG, individually and as officer and/or owner of Ascend Ecom LLC, Ascend Capventures Inc., Ascend Ecommerce Inc., Ascend Administration Inc., and Ascend Distribution LLC,

Defendants.

The Court, having considered the Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application for an Order Temporarily Sealing the Docket and the Entire Case File (ECF No. 3 ("Application")), and finding good cause therefor, hereby **GRANTS** the Application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. The file and docket in this action, including the Complaint, Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Emergency Application for Temporary Restraining Order and supporting memorandum, the accompanying exhibits, and all other papers in the above-captioned case, including this Order and the application therefor, shall be filed under seal, and that the file and docket shall be sealed until five business days after the Court's entry of the *Ex Parte* Emergency Application for Temporary Restraining Order, or until service of the TRO has been effected on all Defendants, whichever occurs first. No further orders of this Court shall be necessary for the Clerk to unseal this case.
2. The Clerk shall notify counsel for the Plaintiff of the entry of this Order and any order relating to the Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Emergency Application for a Temporary Restraining Order, and counsel for the Plaintiff may obtain from the Clerk's office, via email or other means, copies of this Order and any order relating to the Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Emergency Application for Temporary Restraining Order.

3. This Order shall not be construed to prohibit the Plaintiff from disclosing to non-parties, including any temporary receiver appointed by the Court or law enforcement officers, the existence of any parties to this lawsuit, or the documents filed in this case. It also shall not be construed to prohibit a temporary receiver from disclosing the Complaint or any order issued by this Court as necessary to fulfill his or her obligations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 10, 2024

HON. SHERILYN PEACE GARNETT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE