Exhibit C

Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss Defendant's Counterclaims

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 22-CV-2142-NYW

CRUSOE ENERGY SYSTEMS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALKANE MIDSTREAM, LLC,

Defendant.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT
(Motions Hearing)

Proceedings before the HONORABLE NINA Y. WANG, Judge, United States District Court, for the District of Colorado, commencing at 1:05 p.m. on the 8th day of September, 2022, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, Denver, Colorado.

A P P E A R A N C E S

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THE COURT: All right. So consistent with the rulings on the record, the Court grants in part and denies in part Plaintiff's Motion to Restrict, which is Docket Entry No. 13. Docket Entry Nos. 12, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, and 8-2 will be unrestricted from the public record.

Docket Entry No. 8, Docket Entry No. 8-1 and Docket Entry No. 10 will remain as Level 1 restricted. In addition, the plaintiff will file a redacted versions of Docket Entry No. 8 and Docket Entry 8-1/10 no later than the close of business September 9, 2022, consistent with the ruling made by the Court on the record today.

I think that takes care of the Motion to Restrict, and so then we can turn, unless anyone else has something on the Motion to Restrict, to the Motion to Expedite Discovery, which is Docket Entry No. 11. Is everyone prepared to turn to that?

MS. DEBROW: Yes, Your Honor.

MR. SUGDEN: This is Ryan Sugden. Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So let's turn -- I am using the chart that you all submitted as my guide here. I have had an opportunity to preliminarily look at the asserted patents, which are found at Docket Entry Nos. 1-1, 1-2, and 28-1; the 307, 309, and 821 patents. I will admit to you that I have not examined those in-depth, nor have I had an opportunity to carefully look at the prosecution histories

of any of those respective patents.

But this proceeding is very much focused on what kind of expedited discovery you all need to proceed to the preliminary injunction hearing, as well as setting briefing with respect to the preliminary injunction and the TRO.

I note, as a framework before we start, that in the Motion to Expedite Discovery, on page 1, the plaintiff says, "At this stage, the plaintiff is not seeking broad discovery on the full merits of the claims and defenses."

That is the framework that I am using because, again, I am not attempting to try to figure out what discovery may or may not be allowed in this case in general. My focus is on what good cause there is to permit expedited discovery in order to have an efficient and complete preliminary injunction hearing.

So, with that in mind, let's turn to the first issue, which is the request for inspection. So there is a request for inspection: "Inspect, survey, videotape and photograph Alkane's site layout and operations at each location where Alkane has at any time or is currently performing bitcoin mining operations, including but not limited to the Surprise 4 Pad."

Ms. DeBrow, are you going to be handling these issues for the plaintiff?

R E P O R T E R ' S C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Darlene M. Martinez, Official Certified Shorthand Reporter for the United States District Court, District of Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings had as taken stenographically by me at the time and place aforementioned.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022.

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s/Darlene M. Martinez
RMR, CRR