

5. To the best of my knowledge, neither the Board nor any other state or Federal agency or court of competent jurisdiction has previously made a confidentiality determination relevant to the pending confidentiality claim.

6. Disclosure of such information would be extremely detrimental and could be used in an anti-competitive fashion by MAOD's competitors. Moreover, competitors at any level possessing such information would find it of great economic value in determining their own business plans and, in many cases, could use such information to structure their plans in such a way as to undercut MAOD's competitive positions, or could otherwise materially affect MAOD's ability to compete effectively.

7. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, it is appropriate for the Board to limit access to such information. The confidential information being provided is for the use of the Board in exercising its governmental functions. There is no legitimate purpose to be served in disclosing this proprietary material to MAOD's competitors or, indeed, to any person other than the appropriate staff of the Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the above statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2022 in Dallas, Texas.

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