Trials@uspto.gov
571-272-7822

Paper 42
Date: November 24, 2020

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

ROVI GUIDES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-01421
Patent 9,118,948 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, and CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION
Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review. Paper 40 ("Motion" or "Mot."). The parties also filed what they indicate are true and correct copies of Settlement and License Agreements (Exs. 2008, 2009) (collectively, "Agreements"). In a Joint Request, the parties identified the Agreements as business confidential information and requested that the Agreements be kept separate from the patent file. Paper 41 ("Joint Request"). For the reasons discussed below, the Motion and Joint Request are *granted*.

II. ANALYSIS

We have not decided the merits of this proceeding. The parties indicate that they have settled their disputes regarding U.S. Patent No. 9,118,948 B2. Mot. 1. The parties represent that they submitted "any agreement or understanding . . . between Petitioner and Patent Owner made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the proceeding." *Id.* Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreements as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

III. ORDER

It is hereby

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is *terminated* as to all parties; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to treat the Settlement and License Agreements (Exs. 2008, 2009) as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is *granted*.

PETITIONER:

Frederic M. Meeker
Bradley C. Wright
Blair A. Silver
J. Pieter van Es
Justin M. Philpott
Kerry T. Creeron
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
fmeeker@bannerwitcoff.com
bwright@bannerwitcoff.com
bsilver@bannerwitcoff.com
pvanes@bannerwitcoff.com
jphilpott@bannerwitcoff.com
kcreeron@bannerwitcoff.com

PATENT OWNER:

Jason D. Eisenberg
Jon E. Wright
David Haars
Todd C. Thurheimer
STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.
jasone-PTAB@sternekessler.com
jwright-PTAB@sternekessler.com
dhaars-ptab@sternekessler.com
tthurheimer-ptab@sternekessler.com