

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PARITY NETWORKS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2020-00017
Patent 7,103,046 B2

Before JEFFREY S. SMITH, BRYAN F. MOORE, and
MIRIAM L. QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SMITH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

On December 2, 2019, pursuant to Board authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner filed a joint motion to terminate the proceeding identified in the caption. Paper 8. Along with the motion, the parties filed a copy of a document they describe as a release agreement (Ex. 1014), as well as a joint request to treat the release agreement as business confidential information. Paper 8; *see* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (a party to a settlement may request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential and be kept separate from the patent file).

The Board has not issued a decision to institute the requested review. The parties state in the joint motion that they have reached an agreement to terminate this *inter partes* review. Paper 8. We are persuaded that, under these circumstances, it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a). This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

It is therefore

ORDERED that the joint motion is *granted* and this proceeding is *terminated* with respect to Petitioner and Patent Owner; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the joint request that the settlement agreement (Ex. 1014) be treated as business confidential information, to be kept separate from the patent file, is *granted* in this proceeding.

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