

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ZTE (USA) INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

WSOU INVESTMENTS, LLC
d/b/a BRAZOS LICENSING AND DEVELOPMENT,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00497 (Patent 8,149,776 B2)
IPR2023-00498 (Patent 8,767,614 B2)
IPR2023-00499 (Patent 7,872,973 B2)
IPR2023-00500 (Patent 7,477,876 B2)¹

Before THU A. DANG, BRIAN J. McNAMARA, and
ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

¹ This Order pertains to all of these cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue a single Order to be filed in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

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I. ANALYSIS

In an email dated June 13, 2023, Patent Owner requested a 30-day extension of the deadline for its Preliminary Responses in the above-listed proceedings because the parties had “entered into settlement negotiations.” Petitioner did not oppose Patent Owner’s request. On June 15, 2023, Judges Dang and Weinschenk held a telephone conference call with the parties’ counsel to discuss Patent Owner’s request and the status of the settlement negotiations.

During the conference call, the panel and the parties’ counsel discussed a 2-week extension of the deadline for Patent Owner’s Preliminary Responses, as well as a joint status update regarding the settlement negotiations. Neither party objected to the proposed extension or the joint status update. We, therefore, extend the deadline for Patent Owner’s Preliminary Responses to June 30, 2023. We also instruct the parties to submit a joint status update regarding the settlement negotiations by June 28, 2023. The joint status update may be in the form of a joint email or a request for a conference call with panel.

II. ORDER

It is hereby

ORDERED that the deadline for Patent Owner’s Preliminary Responses in the above-listed proceedings is June 30, 2023; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties submit a joint status update regarding the settlement negotiations by June 28, 2023.

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