

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

NEO WIRELESS LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00763
Patent 10,447,450 B2

Before KATHERINE K. VIDAL, *Under Secretary of Commerce for
Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and
Trademark Office.*

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

The Board issued a decision denying institution of review in this proceeding (Paper 17, “Decision”), and Ford Motor Company (“Petitioner”) requested Director Review of the Board’s Decision (Paper 18, “Request”; Exs. 3100–3101). On December 21, 2023, I ordered Director Review of the Decision (Paper 19), and on December 22, 2023, Neo Wireless LLC (“Patent Owner”) requested leave to respond to Petitioner’s Request (Ex. 3103, 1–2). That request was denied at that time (*id.* at 1), and Patent Owner thereafter requested rehearing of that denial (Paper 23; Ex. 3104).

I determine that, in this case, additional briefing would be beneficial. Accordingly, I authorize Patent Owner to submit a response limited to the issues raised in the Request, of no more than fifteen pages, to be filed within fourteen days of the issuance of this Order. I also authorize Petitioner to submit a reply limited to the issues raised in Patent Owner’s response, of no more than five pages, to be filed within seven days of the filing of Patent Owner’s response. No further briefing will be authorized, and no new evidence is permitted.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner is authorized to file a response to Petitioner’s Request (Paper 18), of no more than fifteen pages, to be filed within fourteen days of this Order;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is authorized to file a reply to Patent Owner’s response, of no more than five pages, to be filed within seven days of Patent Owner’s response; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner’s request for rehearing (Paper 23) is dismissed as moot.

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