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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN CHIC ELECTRICS CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

PILOT, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00810
Patent 11,376,971 B2

Before JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, JULIA HEANEY, and STEVEN M. AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ABRAHAM, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

On September 20, 2023, with Board authorization, Patent Owner filed a Corrected Motion to Withdraw as Counsel ("Motion"). Paper 8. Patent Owner requests authorization for Alex W. Ruge to withdraw as counsel because Mr. Ruge "is terminating his employment with Sheridan Ross P.C. and taking a position with the U.S. Courts." *Id.* at 2.

Patent Owner proposes replacing current lead counsel Mr. Ruge with current back-up counsel Robert R. Brunelli, and designating Jason Vick as back-up counsel. *Id.* Mr. Vick, however, is not identified in a Power of Attorney in this proceeding, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Paper 8, 2.

It is,

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion seeking authorization for Alex W. Ruge to withdraw as counsel is *conditionally granted*, effective upon Patent Owner filing, within ten business days from the entry of this Order, a Power of Attorney for proposed back-up counsel Jason Vick; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file, within ten business days from the entry of this Order, updated Mandatory Notices reflecting the withdrawal of Mr. Ruge as counsel, the designation of Robert R. Brunelli as lead counsel, and the designation of Jason Vick as back-up counsel.

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