UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

TOUCHSTREAM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Patent No. 11,048,751
Filing Date: August 25, 2017
Issue Date: June 29, 2021
Title: PLAY CONTROL OF CONTENT ON A DISPLAY DEVICE

Inter Partes Review No.: IPR2024-00324

PETITIONER'S PETITION RANKING AND EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PETITIONS

Pursuant to the November 2019 update to the America Invents Act (AIA) Trial Practice Guide published by the USPTO, Petitioner submits this notice of its ranking of its petitions for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 11,048,751 filed in IPR2024-00323 and IPR2024-00324. *See* "CONSOLIDATED TRIAL PRACTICE GUIDE UPDATE (November 2019)" at 59-60. Petitioner also includes herein an explanation of the material differences between the petitions.

Petitioner filed two petitions. Petition 1 (IPR2024-00323) primarily relies on the Redford reference combined with the Bartfeld reference. Petition 2 (IPR2024-00324) primarily relies on the Danciu and Aldrey references, each combined with the Mahajan reference.

Ordering of Petitions. Although Petitioner believes that its petitions are all meritorious and justified in light of the positions Patent Owner may take, at this stage, Petitioner requests that the Board consider the petitions in the following order:

Rank	Petition	Primary Reference(s)
A	IPR2024-00323 (Petition 1)	Redford-Bartfeld
B	IPR2024-00324 (Petition 2)	Danciu-Mahajan; Aldrey-Mahajan

Below are some of the material differences between the petitions:

(1) *Different Prior Art Date of References*: Certain of the primary references relied on in the petitions qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), including claiming the benefit of provisional filings. It is, therefore, possible that the Patent Owner could attempt to antedate these references and/or remove them as prior art.

In particular, the Danciu reference is prior art under 102(e) but only predates the ’751 Patent’s earliest possible priority date by about six weeks. Danciu claims the benefit of a provisional application, though Patent Owner may attempt to antedate Danciu’s provisional date and/or challenge its prior art status as failing the *Dynamic Drinkware* analysis. The Redford reference is also 102(e) prior art but predates the ’751 Patent’s earliest possible priority date by more than a year.

The Bartfeld reference (which is combined with the Redford reference) and the Aldrey reference (which is a second primary reference in the same petition as the Danciu reference) are 102(b) prior art and as such cannot be antedated by Patent Owner.

(2) ***Different Approaches to the Claim Limitations***: The prior art combinations used in the petitions teach the claim limitations in different ways.

Each of the primary prior art grounds have different strengths with respect to various different claims. Petition IPR2024-00323 asserts that Redford combined with the Bartfeld reference (Redford-Bartfeld) renders obvious claims 1-8 and 11-20. In contrast, Petition IPR2024-00324 asserts that Danciu and Aldrey each combined with Mahajan[1] (Danciu-Mahajan and Aldrey-Mahajan) render obvious

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[1] Mahajan was cited during prosecution of the ’751 Patent, but for a different purpose than it is being used here.

claims 1-20.

Furthermore, the petitions generally use different secondary references as teaching certain features of dependent claims or for back-up arguments to the primary references. For instance, the Redford petition uses Redford-Bartfeld combined with the Gonze reference as a back-up for its Redford-Bartfeld arguments, whereas the Danciu-Mahajan combination is combined with the Calvert reference as a back-up for its arguments. With respect to dependent claims 9 and 10, which require retrieving a media player from a remote content provider, the Redford-Bartfeld uses the Gonze reference, whereas Danicu-Mahajan and Aldrey-Mahajan do not require an additional reference. Depending upon the arguments Patent Owner makes, the use of these different references could be material.

In view of the material differences shown above, the Board should consider both petitions and not exercise its discretion to deny institution of either of the IPRs.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.105, I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the PETITIONER'S PETITION RANKING AND EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PETITIONS to be served via FedEx Priority Overnight on December 27, 2023, on the following:

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