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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00468 (Patent 8,421,195 B2)
IPR2024-00469 (Patent 9,190,502 B2)
IPR2024-00470 (Patent 11,121,222 B2)[1]

Before GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, DONNA M. PRAISS, JON B. TORNQUIST, MONICA S. ULLAGADDI, and JULIA HEANEY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Denying without Prejudice Patent Owner's and
Petitioner's Motions to Seal
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54

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[1] This Order addresses similar motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. We issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The listing of Judges here does not expand any of the panels. The parties are not permitted to use this style heading in any subsequent papers.

On May 9, 2024 and May 22, 2024, Patent Owner filed Motions to Seal in the above-captioned proceedings ("Patent Owner's Motions to Seal"). IPR2024-00468, Papers 7, 9.[2] Patent Owner's Motions to Seal seek to seal portions of Patent Owner's Motion for Additional Discovery and Exhibits 2011 and 2012 (Paper 8) and Patent Owner's Preliminary Response (Paper 10).

On May 23, 2024 and June 14, 2024, Petitioner filed Motions to Seal in the above-captioned proceedings ("Petitioner's Motions to Seal"). IPR2024-00468, Papers 13, 15.[3] Petitioner's Motions to Seal seek to seal Petitioner's Response to Motion for Additional Discovery (Paper 12) and Petitioner's Reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response (Paper 16).

On July 10, 2024, the Board reminded the parties that under the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, they must "file proposed redacted documents in *each* case, including any proposed protective orders (and how they may deviate from the proposed default protective order)." *See* IPR2024-00468, Ex. 3003. On July 22, 2024, Patent Owner filed redacted versions of Patent Owner's Motion for Additional Discovery (Paper 19) and Patent Owner's Preliminary Response (Paper 20). On July 29, 2024, Patent Owner filed redacted versions of Exhibits 2011 and 2012.

Although Patent Owner's initial Motion to Seal in each of the above-captioned proceedings stated that "Patent Owner previously requested entry

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[2] For convenience, all citations in this Order are to IPR2024-00468. Patent Owner filed similar motions in IPR2024-00469 and IPR2024-00470.
[3] Petitioner filed similar motions in IPR2024-00469 and IPR2024-00470.

of a modified protective order," neither Patent Owner nor Petitioner has requested entry of a protective order in these proceedings. *See* IPR2024-00468, Paper 7, 2.

Petitioner has also failed to file proposed redactions to the papers it seeks to maintain under seal.[4] Specifically, Petitioner has not filed public, redacted versions of its Opposition Response to Patent Owner's Motion for Additional Discovery or its Reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response. *See* IPR2024-00468, Papers 12, 16.

In view of the foregoing, Patent Owner's Motions to Seal and Petitioner's Motions to Seal are *denied without prejudice* to re-file those motions in conformance with the Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide. Specifically, neither party has filed a proposed protective order in the above-captioned proceedings. Petitioner's Motions to Seal are additionally defective because Petitioner has failed to provide proposed redacted versions of the papers Petitioner seeks to have sealed.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions to Seal are *denied without prejudice*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions to Seal are *denied without prejudice*; and

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[4] Although we understand that Petitioner seeks to seal these papers in their entirety, we refer to our guidance to the parties regarding filing redacted versions of the documents sought to be sealed. Ex. 3003.

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner and Petitioner are authorized to file renewed motions to seal, due within two weeks of the entry of this Order, as set forth herein.

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