

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

GREENTHREAD, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case: IPR2024-00470
U.S. Patent No. 11,121,222

JOINT REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Board’s Scheduling Order (Paper 24), Patent Owner Greenthread, LLC (“Patent Owner”) and Petitioner Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. (“Petitioner”; collectively with Patent Owner, the “Parties”) respectfully request oral argument on issues related to the patentability of the challenged claims of U.S. Patent No. 11,121,222 on the instituted grounds set forth in the Board’s Institution Decision (Paper 22), and on any issues specified in any motions to exclude, or any other pending motions or briefing filed.

Requests for oral argument in related IPR proceedings (IPR2024-00468 and -00469) are being filed concurrently with this request.

The Parties believe that an oral hearing is necessary to present and discuss relevant issues with respect to the proceedings. If a hearing is to be held, the Parties agree that it should be a consolidated hearing for all three proceedings (IPR2024-00468, -00469, and -00470).

As there are three proceedings, the Parties respectfully request that the Board allocate 60 minutes for each side to present arguments. In light of the common specification and drawings for the three patents in these proceedings, and the overlapping prior art issues in these proceedings, the Parties believe such a consolidated format will promote efficiency and clarity. In this format, the Parties would allocate their allotted time across the proceedings as they deem appropriate.

The Parties further respectfully request that the hearing, scheduled for May 16, 2025, be conducted in person at USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

If oral argument will be held in person in a hearing room, the Parties respectfully request permission to use a computer, projector, and screen to display demonstratives and exhibits. The Parties also respectfully request that its attorneys at counsel's table be allowed to use computers.

The Parties each expects up to five people to attend for either Party, if the argument is conducted in person and the Board can accommodate this number of attendees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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