

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

SITNET, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2024-00530
U.S. Patent No. 9,877,345

PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

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Pursuant to the Board's September 10, 2024, Scheduling Order (Paper 10), Petitioner respectfully requests oral argument, currently scheduled for June 10, 2025. Petitioner requests one hour in which to present its arguments. Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70, and without intending to waive any issue not specifically identified, Petitioner specifies the following issues to be argued:

1. Whether claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, and 15-16 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gage;
2. Whether claims 2, 9, and 14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gage and Mitchell;
3. Whether claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-13, and 15 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shida;
4. Whether claims 2, 5, 9, 14, and 16 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shida and Sinha;
5. Patent Owner's Contingent Motion to Amend and proposed substitute claims;
6. Petitioner's Opposition to Patent Owner's Contingent Motion to Amend, whether the substitute claims are patent ineligible under 35 U.S.C. §101, and whether the substitute claims are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103;
7. The Board's Preliminary Guidance on Patent Owner's Motion to

Amend;

8. Any issues specified by Patent Owner in its Request for Oral Argument; and
9. Any other issues the Board deems necessary for issuing a final written decision (e.g., any motion to exclude evidence and any motion to seal evidence).

Petitioner also requests that the Board provide audio-visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits, including a projector and screen for displaying documents from a computer.

Further, Petitioner requests that the hearing be held at the USPTO's Alexandria, Virginia office because that location will be more convenient, have simpler logistics, and be less costly for Petitioner. Petitioner notes that its counsel are located in the Washington, DC area.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e))

I certify that the above-captioned **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT** was served in its entirety on April 29, 2025 upon the following parties via electronic mail:

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