

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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APTIV SERVICES US, LLC,  
Petitioner,

v.

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY, INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2024-00646  
Patent 9,471,074 B2

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GRANT OF GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION  
*35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)*

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11), “the final determination in an inter partes review [shall] be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the Director notices the institution of a review under this chapter, except that the Director may, for good cause shown, extend the 1-year period by not more than 6 months . . . .” The Director has delegated the authority to extend the one-year period to the Chief Administrative Patent

Judge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). In particular, 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c) provides:

An *inter partes* review proceeding shall be administered such that pendency before the Board after institution is normally no more than one year. The time can be extended by up to six months for good cause by the Chief Administrative Patent Judge . . . .

In the absence of any extension for good cause, the Final Written Decision resolving this proceeding would be due no later than September 25, 2025. 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11) (Final Written Decision presumptively due no later than one year after entry of Decision on Institution); Paper 11 (Decision on Institution, dated September 25, 2024). However, due to complex issues involved in this proceeding, as well as panel workload issues, the Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists under the unique circumstances of this proceeding, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), to extend the one-year period for issuing a Final Written Decision.

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