

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00648
Patent 11,643,462 B2

Before DEBORAH KATZ, SHERIDAN K. SNEDDEN, and
DEVON ZASTROW NEWMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

NEWMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Extending One-Year Pendency for Good Cause
35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c)

Petitioner filed a Petition requesting *inter partes* review of claims 1–30 of U.S. Patent No. 11,643,462 B2. On October 3, 2024, the Board instituted trial. Paper 6. The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision expires on October 3, 2025.

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 accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), the Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists to extend the one-year period for issuing a Final Written Decision here. Paper 59; 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceeding is extended to November 18, 2025.

It is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is extended to November 18, 2025.

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