

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

YANGTZE MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES COMPANY, LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00788
Patent 10,658,378 B2

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) (2025). 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

On November 7, 2024, the Board instituted trial in this proceeding, in which Petitioner Micron Technology, Inc. (“Micron”) challenges claims 15–17, 19, and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 10,658,378 B2 (“the ’378 patent”). Paper 13. Two months later, on January 7, 2025, the Board instituted trial in IPR2024-00909, in which Micron challenges claims 1–7 and 18 of the ’378 patent. IPR2024-00909, Paper 12. Claims 1 and 15 are independent claims. Claims 2–7 each depend from claim 1, whereas claims 16–20 each depend from claim 15. The asserted and instituted grounds in both proceedings include a common prior art reference, U.S. Patent Publication 2017/0179026 A1 to Toyama et al. *See* Paper 13 at 4, 40; IPR2024-00909, Paper 12 at 5, 34. In view of the overlap in grounds and common issues involved in determining the patentability of dependent claim 18 in this proceeding and independent claim 1, from which it depends, in IPR2024-00909, an extension of the one-year deadline in this proceeding to allow alignment with the schedule in IPR2024-00909 will promote efficient resolution of the proceedings.

Accordingly, under the circumstances presented, the Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(c), to extend the one-year period for issuing the final written decision in this proceeding.

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