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Paper 11
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

LG ENERGY SOLUTION, LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

MOLECULAR REBAR DESIGN, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01005 (Patent 9,636,649 B2)
IPR2024-01006 (Patent 8,808,909 B2)
IPR2024-01011 (Patent 8,968,924 B2)
IPR2024-01012 (Patent 10,608,282 B2)
IPR2024-01013 (Patent 10,153,483 B2)[1]

Before JON B. TORNQUIST, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and JULIA HEANEY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's
Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] This Order addresses substantively identical motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to cover all proceedings. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

On January 7, 2025, with our authorization, Patent Owner filed Patent Owner's Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel in these proceedings. Paper 11[2] ("Motion"). The Motion requests withdrawal of lead counsel Gregory Porter, and back-up counsel Steven Wood, each of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, and the substitution of Stephen Zinda as new lead counsel and James Hall as new back-up counsel, each of Cabello Hall Zinda, PLLC, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10. Motion 1. Patent Owner indicates that "Patent Owner will file Updated Mandatory Notices and Power of Attorney that reflect Patent Owner's new lead and back-up counsel upon the Board granting this motion." *Id.* Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.*

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). As indicated above, no power of attorney for Mr. Zinda and Mr. Hall has been filed. Mr. Porter and Mr. Wood, and any other attorneys currently designated as counsel for Patent Owner under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), will remain of record until new lead and back-up counsel are identified by an appropriate power of attorney. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

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[2] This Order cites to papers filed in IPR2024-01005. Corresponding items were filed in IPR2024-01006, IPR2024-01011, IPR2024-01012, and IPR2024-01013.

Under these circumstances, we conditionally grant Patent Owner's Motion. Mr. Porter and Mr. Wood will be withdrawn as counsel effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney assigning Mr. Zinda and Mr. Hall as counsel.

It is

ORDERED that the Patent Owner's Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel is *conditionally granted*, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead and back-up counsel; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Porter and Mr. Wood shall be withdrawn from this proceeding, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead and back-up counsel.

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