

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.,

Petitioner

v.

SMITH INTERFACE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

Patent Owner

IPR2024-01087

10,656,755

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Patent Owner respectfully requests oral argument, with 60 minutes allotted to each side for presenting arguments, at the USPTO's southwest regional office in Dallas, Texas. Without waiving consideration of any other issues, Patent Owner specifies the issues to be argued as, the grounds of unpatentability asserted by the Petition, including:

1. Ground 1A: the patentability of claims 1-3, 7, 10-11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22-25, 29, 32-33, 35, 37-38, and 41-42 in view of Hackborn (EX1004) and Westerman (EX1005);
2. Ground 1B: the patentability of claims 4-5, 8-9, 21, 26-27, 30, 31, 43 in view of Hackborn, Westerman, and Townsend (EX1006);
3. Ground 1C: the patentability of claim 16 in view of Hackborn, Westerman, and Jablonski (EX1008);
4. Ground 1D: the patentability of claims 18, 19, 39, 40 in view of Hackborn, Westerman, and Jobs (EX1009);
5. Ground 2: the patentability of claims 1, 4-8, 10-12, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 26-30, 32, 34, 37-42 in view of Hackborn, Westerman, and Jobs;
6. any issues raised in Petitioner's Reply;
7. any issues specified by Petitioner in a request for oral argument;
8. any other motions; and
9. any other issues that the Board finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Office's return to in-person hearings effective September 1, 2025, Applicant requests the hearing be held at the Southwest Regional Outreach Office (Dallas). Patent Owner also respectfully requests that audio/visual equipment be made available for displaying demonstrative exhibits, including a screen and a VGA or HDMI cable for connecting the screen to a laptop if the hearing is in person.

Dated: September 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that on September 2, 2025, a complete copy of Patent Owner's Request for Oral Argument was served via email (by consent), as follows:

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