

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TIKTOK INC.,
Petitioners

v.

NTECH PROPERTIES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2024-01339
U.S. Patent No. 9,317,597

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4212, 4232-4234 (Jan. 18, 2013), TikTok Inc. ("Petitioner") respectfully request a refund of post-institution fees in the amount of \$22,500 to be paid to Deposit Account No. 50-5708.

On August 23, 2024, Petitioners filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 9,317,597 ("the '597 patent"). (Paper 2.) On February 25, 2025, the Board entered a Decision Denying Institution of Inter Partes review. (Paper 9.) Petitioners deposited an electronic payment of \$22,500 in post-institution fees pursuant to 37 CFR 42.15(a)(2) and 42.15(a)(4) for requesting review of claims 1-20 of the '597 patent.

Because the instant proceeding was not instituted, Petitioners hereby request a refund of \$22,500 for the post-institution fees that they paid to the USPTO in connection with this matter. *See* 78 CFR 4233, 4234-35 (Jan 18, 2013).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.6(e), 42.105(a), the undersigned hereby certifies service on the Patent Owner of a copy of Petitioners' Request for Refund by filing these documents through the Patent Review Processing System, as well as by e-mailing copies to:

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