

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FIRST QUALITY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY CONSUMER PRODUCTS, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY PRODUCTS, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY ENTERPRISES, LLC,
Petitioners,

v.

ESSITY HYGIENE AND HEALTH AB,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2024-01487

U.S. Patent No. 9,308,138

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Board's May 16, 2025 Scheduling Order (Paper 9), Patent Owner Essity Hygiene and Health AB ("Essity" or "Patent Owner") respectfully requests oral argument. Oral argument is currently scheduled for February 18, 2026 in this proceeding. This filing is timely, being submitted no later than DUE DATE 4 (January 2, 2026) according to the Scheduling Order.

Patent Owner respectfully requests 60 minutes per side (120 minutes total) to address the issues in this proceeding. Patent Owner requests the oral argument be conducted in person, with the capability to display documents, including demonstratives and exhibits, to the Board. Patent Owner has conferred and agreed with Petitioners regarding location and allotment of time.

Patent Owner specifies the following issues to be argued, without waiving consideration of any issue not listed below:

1. Each alleged ground of invalidity set forth in the Petition, including all issues raised by the parties relating to the alleged grounds in this proceeding;
2. Any other issues addressed in the Petition, the Institution Decision, and Patent Owner's Response;
3. Rebuttal to Petitioner's presentation and positions on all issues;
4. Any motion pending at the time of argument, including motions to exclude filed by any party, and including any procedural and evidentiary issues;

5. Any additional issues on which the Board seeks clarification.

In light of the remarks herein, Patent Owner respectfully requests the opportunity to present oral argument before the Board. If the Board has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney is available for a telephone conference to discuss further.

Date: January 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Essity Hygiene and Health AB Request for Oral Argument was served on counsel of record on January 2, 2026, by filing this document through the Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS) as well as delivering a copy via electronic mail to the counsel of record for the Petitioners at the following addresses:

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