

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

NEAPCO COMPONENTS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00090 (Patent 11,434,958 B2)
IPR2025-00091 (Patent 11,598,376 B2)¹

Before LINDA E. HORNER, GEORGE R. HOSKINS, and
FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HOSKINS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

¹ This Order addresses identical issues in each of the above-identified cases. Accordingly, we exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style heading without prior authorization.

On July 2, 2025, we granted Petitioner’s request to file Motions to Submit Supplemental Information in these two related proceedings, and set a briefing schedule for the Motions. *See* Ex. 3002.² Pursuant to that schedule, the Motions were due to be filed no later than Friday, July 11, 2025; any Opposition was due within two weeks of the Motion; and any Reply was due within one week of the Opposition. *See id.*

On July 8, 2025, Petitioner filed in each case a “Notice of Joint Stipulation” attempting to modify the foregoing briefing schedule. *See* Paper 20. According to the Stipulation, this modification is “permitted by the Scheduling Order.” *Id.* at 1. We do not agree.

The Scheduling Order pertinently states only that “[t]he parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1, 5, and 6” and portions of DUE DATES 2 and 3, all of which are set forth in the Scheduling Order. Paper 9, at 9. Those due dates are unrelated to the authorized Motions to Submit Supplemental Information. *See id.* at 10–11 (describing DUE DATES 1–8). The Scheduling Order also refers to the parties “stipulating to move any due dates in this Order” (*id.* at 9–10), but the Scheduling Order does not contemplate Motions to Submit Supplemental Information.

Nonetheless, we will consider the Joint Stipulation to be a joint request to modify the briefing schedule, and we ***grant*** that request. ***We also set forth page limitations for the briefs.***

² For expediency, we cite to Papers and Exhibits in IPR2025-00090. Substantially identical items may be found in the record of IPR2025-00091.

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Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Petitioner shall file any Motion to Submit Supplemental Information no later than July 18, 2025, and any such Motion shall be no more than 10 pages in length;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall file any Opposition within two weeks of the Motion, and any such Opposition shall be no more than 10 pages in length; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall file any Reply within one week of the Opposition, and any such Reply shall be no more than 5 pages in length.

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