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Paper 42
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

ENTROPIC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00180
Patent 11,785,275 B2

Before JEFFREY S. SMITH, MICHELLE N. WORMMEESTER, and SCOTT B. HOWARD, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WORMMEESTER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION
Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

ORDER
Dismissing Previously-Filed Joint Motion to Terminate Inter Partes Review
and Joint Request That Settlement Agreement
Be Treated As Business Confidential Information and Be Kept Separate
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

I. INTRODUCTION

On April 29, 2025, we instituted *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 11,785,275 B2 ("the '275 patent"). Paper 8. Thereafter, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate this proceeding pursuant to a settlement agreement. Paper 41 ("Joint Motion to Terminate"). The parties also filed a copy of their settlement agreement made in connection with the termination of the proceeding. Ex. 1097 ("Settlement Agreement"). In a concurrently filed paper, the parties jointly request that their Settlement Agreement be treated as business confidential information and that it be kept separate from the file of the involved patent under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Paper 40 ("Joint Request"). We authorized the filing of these papers and exhibit in an e-mail dated February 2, 2026.[1] Ex. 3003.

II. DISCUSSION

The Board has not decided the merits of this proceeding. The parties represent that they "have entered into a settlement agreement that resolves all underlying disputes between Petitioner and Patent Owner with respect to the '275 patent." Paper 41, 1. The parties also represent that Exhibit 1097 is "a true copy of the settlement agreement . . . between the Parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the requested termination of the proceeding," and that "[t]here are no other agreements, oral or written, between the Parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding." *Id.* at 4. The parties further represent that

[1] Prior to filing their Joint Motion to Terminate and Joint Request, the parties filed earlier versions of these papers (Papers 38 and 39), which we dismiss as moot.

"there are no collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the inter partes review other than the settlement that the parties have filed with this motion." *Id.* at 2–3. In view of the foregoing, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the Petition and terminate the proceeding without rendering a final written decision. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a).

Further, after reviewing the parties' Settlement Agreement, we find that the Settlement Agreement contains confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement. We determine that good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information and to keep it separate from the file of the above-identified patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

We note the parties also "request that the Board order that in the event a person or entity makes a written request, as stated in 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c)(1)-(2), for access to the settlement agreement, that any such written request be served upon the Parties on the day the written request is provided to the Board." Paper 40, 1. The statute, however, does not provide for any such notification. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b). Nor does the regulation. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Moreover, we see no persuasive reason or special circumstance here that would justify issuing an order that imposes this additional requirement. Thus, we deny that part of the Joint Request by the parties.

This Termination does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate (Paper 41) in the above-identified proceeding is *granted*, and that the proceeding is *terminated*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request (Paper 40) in the above-identified proceeding is *granted in part*, and that the Settlement Agreement (Exhibit 1097) shall be treated as business confidential information, kept separate from the file of the above-identified patent, and made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c); and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' previously-filed joint motion and joint request papers (Papers 38 and 39) are dismissed as moot.

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