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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY ENERGY COMPANY
and PACIFICORP,
Petitioner,

v.

BIRCHTECH CORP.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00274 (Patent 10,343,114 B2)
IPR2025-00280 (Patent 10,596,517 B2)[1]

Before KRISTINA M. KALAN, CHRISTOPHER M. KAISER and DAVID COTTA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

COTTA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Amending Scheduling Order
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

[1] We use this caption for efficiency. These cases are not joined. The parties may not use such a caption without prior authorization from the Board.

The patents, technology, and issues presented in IPR2025-00274 and IPR00280 (collectively, "the First Case Group") are similar to those presented in IPR2025-00422, IPR2025-00423, IPR2025-00424, and IPR2025-00425 (collectively, "the Second Case Group"). Our Scheduling Orders set two different hearing dates for the First and Second Case Groups: June 9, 2026 for the First Case Group (*see, e.g.,* IPR2025-00274, Paper 34, 14) and July 14, 2026 for Second Case Group (*see, e.g.,* IPR2025-00422, Paper 37, 15). To conserve the Board's and the parties' resources, we determine to hold hearing(s), if requested,[2] for the First Case Group and the Second Case Group on the same day: July 14, 2026. The hearing will be held in person at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

ORDER

In view of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that oral argument in IPR2025-00274 and IPR00280 will be held on July 14, 2026 at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia;

ORDERED that oral argument in IPR2025-00422, IPR2025-00423, IPR2025-00424, and IPR2025-00425, if requested, will also be held on July 14, 2026 at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not abrogate the requirement in IPR2025-00422, IPR2025-00423, IPR2025-00424, and

[2] The parties have already requested an oral hearing in connection with the First Case Group. *See* IPR2025-00274, Paper 85. We give effect to that request and set the hearing date for July 14, 2026. The parties have not yet requested an oral hearing in connection with the Second Case Group.

IPR2025-00425 that the parties request oral argument on or before June 2, 2026.

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