

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MOTORTECH GMBH and MOTORTECH AMERICAS, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

ALTRONIC, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00398
Patent 7,401,603 B1

Before BENJAMIN D. M. WOOD, JASON J. CHUNG, and
KARA L. SZPONDOWSKI, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SZPONDOWSKI, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motion to Withdraw Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On April 16, 2025, with the Board's authorization, Altronic, LLC ("Patent Owner") filed a Motion To Withdraw And Substitute Counsel. Paper 6 ("Motion"). Patent Owner requests withdrawal of lead counsel Stephen F.W. Ball, Jr. and back-up counsel Jennifer E. Hoekel. Motion 2. Patent Owner requests substituting Brian M. Koide as new lead counsel and William F. Nixon as new back-up counsel. *Id.* Patent Owner states "Messrs. Koide and Nixon are registered patent attorneys, meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10, and are ready and able to take over representation." *Id.* Patent Owner states that a new Power of Attorney and Updated Mandatory Notices will be filed when the Motion is granted. *Id.* at 3. Patent Owner also states that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.*

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Because Patent Owner has not designated the substitute lead and backup counsel in updated mandatory notices, and no power of attorney for the substitute counsel has been filed, we conditionally grant Patent Owner's Motion, pending the filing of a new power of attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) and updated mandatory notices pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). The attorneys currently designated as counsel for Patent Owner shall remain of record until Patent Owner files these papers. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

In view of the above, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel is *conditionally granted*, pending Patent Owner's filing of a power

of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying Brian M. Koide as new lead counsel and William F. Nixon as new back-up counsel; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen F.W. Ball, Jr. and Jennifer E. Hoekel shall be withdrawn from this proceeding, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying the new lead and back-up counsel.

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