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Counsel,

As Patent Owner does not oppose, the Board grants Petitioner's request for additional briefing on the issues identified below. Petitioner may file a 7-page Preliminary Reply no later than Monday, July 7, 2025. Patent Owner may file a 7-page Preliminary Sur-Reply no later than Monday, July 21, 2025. The briefs may not address issues outside the scope of the issues identified below and no additional evidence may be submitted at this time.

Regards,

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Dear Honorable Board,

Petitioner Meta Platforms, Inc. writes to respectfully request leave to file a reply to Patent Owner Sterling Computer Corporation's POPR submitted in IPR2025-00430. Petitioner has conferred with Patent Owner, and Patent Owner indicates it does not oppose this request, provided that Patent Owner receives a reciprocal 7-page sur-reply and sufficient time to respond to Petitioner's

Reply (Patent Owner respectfully requests at least 14 days to submit its sur-reply following submission of Petitioner's reply).

Petitioner seeks leave to file a short reply to address certain new issues raised for the first time in Patent Owner's POPR, including: (1) the inventors' alleged earlier conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention, and (2) the proper construction of claim terms "cognate" and "recipient." Petitioner requests a 7-page preliminary reply due one week after receiving authorization to proceed; Petitioner does not oppose a reciprocal 7-page sur-reply from Patent Owner.

The Board granted a preliminary reply and sur-reply of the requested length in related IPR2025-00299 to address similar issues. The parties expect this additional briefing would be similar to that submitted in the related IPR, but request to submit the briefing here so that the record in this proceeding is complete.

Petitioner asserts that good cause exists for both issues in the requested additional briefing. If the Board needs additional information regarding good cause to grant this unopposed request, Petitioner requests a conference call, and the parties can confer and provide times of mutual availability.

Respectfully,

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