

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2025-00430

U.S. Patent No. 7,716,217

**PATENT OWNER'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE A
PROVISIONALLY RECOGNIZED PTAB ATTORNEY AS BACKUP
COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(C)(2)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(2), Patent Owner Sterling Computers Corporation ("Patent Owner") requests that provisionally recognized PTAB attorney Britta Loftus be designated as back-up counsel.

1. Registered practitioner Devan V. Padmanabhan (registration number 38,262) will serve as lead counsel.
2. The most recent prior proceedings in which Ms. Loftus was recognized *pro hac vice* by order of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board pursuant to a motion under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1) was in IPR Nos. IPR2020-00915, IPR2020-01361, IPR2020-01363, and IPR2021-00016 (a single Order, dated July 1, 2021 (Paper 12) granted the motions for *pro hac vice* admission in all four proceedings);
3. This Notice is accompanied by a Certification in the form of a declaration attesting the required information.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 42.6(e), I certify that on this 10th day of February, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Patent Owner's Notice of Intent to Designate a Provisionally Recognized PTAB Attorney as Backup Counsel** was served by electronic mail on Petitioner's lead and backup counsel at the following addresses:

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