

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMAZON.COM, INC., AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC, and
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SOUNDCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00673
Patent 11,244,675 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, DAVID C. MCKONE, and IFTIKHAR AHMED,
Administrative Patent Judges.

ZECHER, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a)

I. DISCUSSION

A conference call in this proceeding was held on December 15, 2025, between respective counsel for Petitioner, Amazon.com, Inc., Amazon.com Services LLC, and Amazon Web Services, Inc., Patent Owner, SoundClear Technologies LLC (“SoundClear”), and Judges Zecher, McKone, and Ahmed. SoundClear requested the conference call to discuss its intention to file a motion to amend and seek preliminary guidance.

During the conference call, SoundClear represented that it intends to file a motion to amend for dependent claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 11,244,675 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’675 patent”). More specifically, SoundClear represented that it plans to amend dependent claim 5 by correcting an antecedent basis issue associated with the claim language “the predetermined voice” and by providing further clarification as to what constitutes “a whisper.” Ex. 1001, 22:3–7. We also took this opportunity to emphasize SoundClear’s obligation to set forth “support in the original disclosure” of the ’675 patent for each proposed substitute claim, as a whole. 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(b)(1); *see also* 35 U.S.C. § 316(d)(3) (“An amendment under this subsection may not . . . introduce new matter.”). With respect to dependent claim 5, this would include providing sufficient written description support for all the limitations of this dependent claim, as well as all the limitations of its underlying base claim (i.e., all the limitations of independent claim 1). For further information and guidance, we directed the parties to the following two cases: (1) *Lectrosonics, Inc. v. Zaxcom, Inc.*, IPR2018-01129, Paper 15 (PTAB Feb. 25, 2019) (precedential), which outlines the requirements and burdens when filing a motion to amend; and (2) *Amazon.com, Inc. v. Uniloc Luxembourg S.A.*, IPR2017-00948, Paper 34 (PTAB Jan. 18, 2019) (precedential), which discusses the grounds of unpatentability that can be raised in an opposition to a motion to amend, including a patent ineligibility ground under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that SoundClear has satisfied the conference requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a) for this proceeding.

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