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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Reference # *(Patent #, Application #, Trademark Serial #, Registration #, etc.)*	**Title of Invention or Mark Information**	
IPR2025-01017	Fining of Boroalumino Silicate Glasses	
Attorney Docket # *(if applicable)*	**Payment Date** *(mm/dd/yyyy)*	**Refund Request Amount**
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Rationale *(Supporting documentation may be submitted with this form)*

IPR Petition was denied due to a Discretionary Denial decision.

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EXHIBIT A

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Paper 9
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CAIHONG DISPLAY DEVICES CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

CORNING INCORPORATED,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-01017 (Patent 8,642,491 B2)
IPR2025-01040 (Patent 9,512,025 B2)

Before COKE MORGAN STEWART, *Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*.

DECISION
Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review

Corning Incorporated ("Patent Owner") filed a request for discretionary denial (Paper 6, "DD Req.") in the above-captioned cases, and Caihong Display Devices Co., Ltd. ("Petitioner") filed an opposition (Paper 8, "DD Opp.").[1]

After considering the parties' arguments and the record, and in view of all relevant considerations, discretionary denial of institution is appropriate in these proceedings. This determination is based on the totality of the evidence and arguments the parties have presented.

These cases present essentially the same discretionary considerations as those presented in IPR2025-00439 and IPR2025-00937. *See Caihong Display Devices Co. v. Corning Inc.*, IPR2025-00439, Paper 18 (Director July 10, 2025) (granting Patent Owner's request for discretionary denial). Accordingly, that analysis is incorporated here. *Id.* at 2–3.

The determination to exercise discretion to deny institution is based on a holistic assessment of all of the evidence and arguments presented. Accordingly, the Petitions are denied under 35 U.S.C. § 314(a).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's request for discretionary denial is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions are *denied*, and no trial is instituted.

[1] Citations are to papers in IPR2025-01017. The parties filed similar papers in IPR2025-01040.

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