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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-01248
Patent 7,716,217 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, AMBER L. HAGY, and BACH V. HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Dismissal Prior to Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 314

I. INTRODUCTION

With the Board's authorization, Petitioner filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition and Terminate the above-identified proceeding. Paper 8 ("Motion"). This is the third proceeding challenging US 7,716, 217 B2 ("the '217 patent"). We previously instituted *inter partes* reviews of the '217 patent in IPR2025-00299 and IPR2025-00430. IPR2025-00299, Paper 13; IPR2025-00430, Paper 14. Additionally, in this proceeding, Petitioner filed a Motion for Joinder, which was contingent on denial of institution in IPR2025-00430. Paper 3, 1.

II. DISCUSSION

In its Motion, Petitioner indicates that it no longer seeks to spend resources continuing this proceeding. Motion 1. Petitioner has stated that its Petition in this proceeding is "substantially identical to the petition" in IPR2025-00299. Paper 3, 4. Petitioner also states that Patent Owner does not oppose Petitioner's Motion. Motion 2.

This proceeding is at an early stage and trial in this proceeding has not been instituted. In view of the early stage of the proceeding and in consideration of the resources of the Parties and the Board, we determine that good cause exists to dismiss the Petition and terminate this proceeding with respect to the Parties.

We also determine that Petitioner's pending Motion for Joinder (Paper 3) is moot.

This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

It is:

ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is *granted*, and the petition in IPR2025-01248 is dismissed and the proceeding is *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Joinder is *dismissed* as moot.

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