

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SPOTIFY USA INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MANUEL TIJERINO,
Patent Owner.

Patent No. 9,146,925

Inter Partes Review No. IPR2025-01280

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Petitioner submits this Request for Oral Argument on all the instituted grounds of unpatentability for U.S. Patent No. 9,146,925 (*see* Decision (Paper 10)), which encompass each of the claim construction and patentability issues addressed in Petitioner's and Patent Owner's papers and all exhibits thereto, including declarations and depositions.

The hearing will encompass the instituted grounds, and any issues addressed in the parties' briefing, including without limitation:

- Petitioner's Petition (Paper 2);
- Patent Owner's Preliminary Response (Paper 6);
- The Board's Decision on Institution (Paper 10);
- Patent Owner's Response (Paper 14);
- Petitioner's Reply (Paper 15);
- Patent Owner's Sur-Reply (Paper 16);
- Any briefings associated with the exclusion of evidence, or the striking of evidence or arguments, such as Paper 17; and
- All exhibits to the above, including declarations.

Per the Scheduling Order (Paper 11), Petitioner requests an in-person hearing at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Petitioner also requests 60 minutes per side for oral argument.

Petitioner's counsel and Patent Owner conferred regarding the hearing request by the parties. Patent Owner indicated that he would prefer that the proceeding be decided on the written record and is not independently requesting oral argument. But, if Petitioner requests oral argument and the Board grants that request, Patent Owner explained that he reserves the right to participate and will request authorization to appear virtually by videoconference. Finally, Patent Owner explained that he does not agree to an exclusively in-person hearing in Alexandria, Virginia.

Petitioner requests video equipment to display documents, including a projector to display electronic documents from a computer onto a display screen and an ELMO projector, to display select pages onto a screen.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service (37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e)(4))

I hereby certify that the attached PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT was served as of the below date via e-mail (by agreement) to Patent Owner (Pro Se):

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Dated: August 5, 2026

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