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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

NOTICE OF DECISIONS ON INSTITUTION

Before COKE MORGAN STEWART,[1] *Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*.

NOTICE

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314(a), after review of discretionary considerations, institution of *inter partes* review is denied in the following proceeding:

IPR2026-00011

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[1] John A. Squires, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is recused and took no part in the decisions identified in this Notice. *See* https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/dsco-delegation.pdf.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314(a), after review of the merits, the petitioner has shown a reasonable likelihood of prevailing with respect to at least one of the claims challenged in the petition, and no other non-discretionary considerations warrant denial of institution. Accordingly, institution of *inter partes* review is granted in the following proceedings:

IPR2025-01326[2] IPR2025-01356[2] IPR2025-01454

[2] This proceeding was identified in the Notice of Decisions on Institution dated December 11, 2025, as being reviewed for merits and non-discretionary considerations. In view of the Director's recusal, discretionary considerations for the proceeding have been reconsidered and the decision to review for merits and non-discretionary considerations is maintained.