

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GE HEALTHCARE LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00059 (Patent 12,115,233 B2)
IPR2026-00069 (Patent 11,938,201 B2)¹

Before DEBRA L. DENNETT, DEVON ZASTROW NEWMAN, and
JAMIE T. WISZ, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DENNETT, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

¹ This Order addresses an issue common to both cases, thus we enter one Order to be entered in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without prior authorization of the Board.

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Patent Owner and Petitioner have moved jointly for entry of a proposed Modified Protective Order (MPO). *See* PGR–00059 Paper 23, 2, App. A; IPR–00069 Paper 17, 2, App. A. The modifications to the Board’s Default Protective Order are represented by Patent Owner as “necessary to protect its highly confidential technical information that may be exchanged in this proceeding.” *Id.* Patent Owner submits that good cause exists for the proposed modifications because (1) Patent Owner has been ordered to produce information that it believes to be highly confidential research and development information in PGR2025-00059 (Paper 19), which will also need to be produced in IPR2026-00069; and (2) Petitioner and Patent Owner are competitors in the field of technology at issue in this proceeding. *Id.* at 3. Petitioner, moreover, has agreed to the proposed modifications. *Id.*

Patent Owner and Petitioner have provided a redline comparison of the Proposed Modified Protective Order against the Board’s Default Protective Order. *Id.* (App. B).

We determine that good cause exists for entry of the Protective Order as proposed. Therefore, based on the certification and agreement of the parties, and an examination of the terms of the MPO, we are persuaded there is good cause to enter the MPO.

It is

ORDERED that the Modified Protective Order (PGR2025–00059 Paper 23, App. A, IPR2026–00069 Paper 17, App. A) is entered, and will govern the conduct of these proceedings unless otherwise modified.

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