

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

SITNET, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2026-00110
U.S. Patent No. 12,120,769

**PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR REFUND
OF THE POST-INSTITUTION FEE**

Mail Stop “PATENT BOARD”
Patent Trial and Appeal Board
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4,211, 4,233-34 (Jan. 18, 2013), Petitioner Meta Platforms, Inc. ("Petitioner") requests a refund in the amount of \$37,525.00 to be paid to deposit account number 19-0036.

On November 12, 2025, Petitioner filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review seeking review of claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 12,120,769 (assigned case number IPR2026-00110) (Paper 1). On April 28, 2026, the Board issued a Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 11).

The Rules provide for a refund of the post-institution fee if the Board does not institute trial. Payment of the \$37,525.00 post-institution fee under 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a)(2) in this proceeding was processed through P-TACTS on November 12, 2025.

Relief requested:

Accordingly, Petitioner requests a refund in the amount of \$37,525.00 for the post-institution fee that it has paid to the USPTO in connection with this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC

/Jonathan Tuminaro/

Jonathan Tuminaro
Registration No. 61,327
Attorney for Petitioner Meta Platforms, Inc.

Date: May 8, 2026

1101 K Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 371-2600

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that the above-captioned **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR
REFUND OF THE POST-INSTITUTION FEE** was served in its entirety on
May 8, 2026 upon the following parties via electronic mail:

David L. Hecht (Lead Counsel) dhecht@hechtpartners.com
Patrick G. Maloney (Back-Up Counsel) pmaloney@corkmaloney.com
hp-sitnet@hechtpartners.com
HECHT PARTNERS LLP
CORK MALONEY LLP

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC

/Jonathan Tuminaro/

Jonathan Tuminaro
Registration No. 61,327
Attorney for Petitioner Meta Platforms, Inc.

Date: May 8, 2026

1101 K Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 371-2600