

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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META PLATFORMS, INC.,  
Petitioner

v.

SITNET, LLC,  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2026-00113  
U.S. Patent No. 12,336,052

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

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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 \$28,125.00 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 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 12,336,052 (assigned case number IPR2026-00113) (Paper 1). On March 17, 2026, the Board issued a Decision Discretionarily Denying *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 10).

The Rules provide for a refund of the post-institution fee if the Board does not institute trial. Payment of the \$28,125.00 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 \$28,125.00 for the post-institution fee that it has paid to the USPTO in connection with this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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**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  
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