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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART SPEAKER LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00145 (11,128,710 B1)
IPR2026-00276 (12,401,721 B1)

Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, and JOHN D. HAMANN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

OGDEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

CONSOLIDATION AND REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a)

A. CONSOLIDATION

The Board has discretion to consolidate multiple proceedings before the Office. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a) ("The Board may determine a proper course of conduct in a proceeding for any situation not specifically covered by this part and may enter non-final orders to administer the proceedings."); *c.f.* 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(a) (authorizing consolidation of cases involving the same patent).

In his decision instituting IPR2026-00276, the Director of the USPTO instructed, "Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Board shall consolidate this proceeding with IPR2024-00145 and follow the already established schedule." IPR2026-00276, Paper 12, 2 n.1.

Thus, we hereby consolidate IPR2026-00276 with IPR2026-00145. The parties should continue to submit briefs, motions, and other submissions separately for each case under the original caption for each case.

B. REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER

In accordance with the Director's instructions regarding the schedule, we withdraw the Scheduling Order issued in IPR2026-00276 on August 24, 2026. *See* Paper 15. Going forward, both cases will follow the Scheduling Order in IPR2026-00145, as amended and as revised below. *See* IPR2026-00145, Paper 15; *revised by* Amended Scheduling Order, Paper 16. This includes DUE DATE 9 (hearing date, if requested), which is February 24, 2027. IPR2026-00145, Paper 16, 2.

The original Scheduling Order in IPR2026-00145 indicated that the parties may request oral argument at either the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia or the San Jose, California, USPTO Regional Office.

However, because of a panel change in IPR2026-00145 (Paper 17), the Scheduling Order is further amended as follows: The parties may request that the oral argument be held in the **Dallas, Texas, USPTO Regional Office on February 24, 2027**.

In addition, to coordinate the pre-hearing conference with other related cases involving the same parties, we modify DUE DATE 6 ("Pre-hearing conference with Board panel") from January 7, 2027, to January 28, 2027.

This Order does not otherwise alter the existing Scheduling Order and does not alter any agreements that may exist between the parties regarding the schedule.

Thus, it is hereby

ORDERED that IPR2026-00276 is hereby consolidated with IPR2026-00145;

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are to submit briefs, motions, and other submissions separately for each case under the original caption for each case;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Scheduling Order previously issued in IPR2026-00276, Paper 15, is hereby vacated;

FURTHER ORDERED that IPR2026-00145 and IPR2026-00276 ("the Consolidated Proceedings") will follow the existing Scheduling Order in IPR2026-00145, Paper 15, as amended in Paper 16 ("Scheduling Order");

FURTHER ORDERED that the Scheduling Order is revised to indicate that the parties may only request an oral argument to be held in the Dallas, Texas, USPTO Regional Office on February 24, 2027;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Scheduling Order is revised to change DUE DATE 6 to January 28, 2027.

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