

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TARGET CORPORATION,
Petitioner

v.

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC,
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2026-00154
Patent 9,615,192

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES

Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4212, 4232–4234 (Jan. 18, 2013), Petitioner, Target Corporation, requests a refund in the amount of \$28,125.00 to be paid to deposit account number 06-1050.

On November 25, 2025, Petitioner filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 9,615,192 with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board that was assigned case number IPR2026-00154. In accordance with the fee schedule specified in 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), Petitioner deposited an electronic payment in the amount of \$23,750.00 with the Board at the time of filing of its Petition to cover associated fees with Petitioner's *inter partes* review request, and a further \$28,125.00 in Post-Institution fees.

On March 23, 2026, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board entered a Decision denying institution of this proceeding. Accordingly, Petitioner requests a refund in the amount of \$28,125.00 (Post-Institution fees) that it has paid to the USPTO in connection with this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that on April 2, 2026, a complete and entire copy of this Petitioner's Request for Refund of Post-Institution Fees was provided via email to the Patent Owner by serving the correspondence email addresses of record as follows:

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