

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PFIZER INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

POGONA, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00189
Patent 11,058,757 B2

Before SUSAN L. C. MITCHELL, ZHENYU YANG, and
CHRISTOPHER M. KAISER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

YANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel

On August 31, 2026, with Board authorization, Patent Owner filed a Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel. Paper 31 (“Motion”). Patent Owner requests the withdrawal of Sarah E. Spires and Steven W. Hartsell as counsel of record. Motion 2. Patent Owner further requests that Michael C. Pomeroy be designated as lead counsel, and Alexander E. Gasser and Rex Hwang be designated as back-up counsel. *See id.* Patent Owner asserts that “[t]he requested substitution will not have an adverse effect on, or otherwise delay, this proceeding.” *Id.* Patent Owner represents that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.*

Patent Owner has filed an Updated Power of Attorney and Updated Mandatory Notices reflecting the withdrawal and substitution of counsel. *See* Papers 29, 30.

After reviewing Patent Owner’s Motion, we determine that withdrawal of Petitioner’s identified counsel and designation of Pomeroy, Gasser, and Hwang are warranted.

Accordingly, it is,

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Sarah E. Spires and Steven W. Hartsell are considered withdrawn as counsel for Patent Owner, and that Michael C. Pomeroy is recognized as lead counsel, and Alexander E. Gasser and Rex Hwang are recognized as back-up counsel for Patent Owner in the instant proceeding.

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