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Petitioner is authorized to file updated mandatory notices naming revised real parties-in-interest in IPR2026-00277 and IPR2026-00279, due no later than Tuesday, July 14, 2026. After the filing of the updated mandatory notices, an order will issue in due course according a new filing date and expunging all discretionary denial briefing and the preliminary response.

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Dear Honorable Board,

Petitioner Fifth Third Bank, N.A. respectfully seeks authorization to file updated mandatory notices naming revised real parties-in-interest in Case Nos. IPR2026-00277 and IPR2026-00279.

Fifth Third has conferred with counsel for Patent Owner United Services Automobile Association, copied on this request. Patent Owner does not oppose so long as the Board accords the petitions new filing dates, expunges the discretionary denial and patent owner preliminary response filings and associated exhibits, and calculates deadlines from the new filing dates.

The parties accordingly jointly request that, consistent with the Board's practice as described in *Curium US LLC v. Universität Heidelberg*, IPR2025-01582, Paper 11 (Feb. 25, 2026), the Board accord the petitions a new filing date, expunge the discretionary denial and patent owner preliminary response filings and associated exhibits, and calculate deadlines from the new filing date.

Should the Board require further information, the parties are available for a telephonic conference.

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