

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART SPEAKER LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00280
Patent 12,401,720 B1

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

OGDEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

In his decision instituting this proceeding, the Director of the USPTO instructed, “Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Board shall schedule the hearing in this proceeding to coincide with the scheduled hearing in IPR2024-00145.” Paper 12, 2 n.1.

We therefore revise the Scheduling Order in this proceeding, Paper 14, as follows and as indicated below in the Due Date Appendix. To the extent that either party believes that there are extraordinary circumstances that would prevent aligning the hearing in this proceeding with that of IPR2024-00145 according to this revised schedule, the parties must meet and confer and request a conference with the Board within 5 days business days of this Order.

DUE DATE 9 (hearing date, if requested), is changed to February 24, 2027, the date of the scheduled hearing in IPR2024-00145. To accommodate this earlier hearing date, the other due dates are adjusted as shown in the Due Date Appendix. As indicated in the previous Scheduling Order, the parties may stipulate different DUE DATES 1, 5, and 7, as well as the portion of DUE DATE 2 relating to Petitioner’s reply and the portion of DUE DATE 3 relating to Patent Owner’s sur-reply.

The original Scheduling Order indicated that the parties may request oral argument at either the Dallas, Texas, USPTO Regional Office or the San Jose, California, USPTO Regional Office. However, so that the hearing date for this proceeding may coincide with that in IPR2024-00145, the Scheduling Order is further amended as follows: the parties may only request that the hearing be held in the Dallas, Texas, USPTO Regional Office.

DUE DATE APPENDIX

DUE DATE 1	October 26, 2026
Patent Owner's response to the petition	
Patent Owner's motion to amend the patent	
DUE DATE 2	December 18, 2026
Petitioner's reply to Patent Owner's response to petition	
Petitioner's opposition to motion to amend	
DUE DATE 3	January 15, 2027
Patent Owner's sur-reply to reply	
Patent Owner's reply to opposition to motion to amend (or Patent Owner's revised motion to amend)	
DUE DATE 4	January 22, 2027
Request for oral argument (may not be extended by stipulation)	
DUE DATE 5	February 5, 2027
Petitioner's sur-reply to reply to opposition to motion to amend	
Motion to exclude evidence	
DUE DATE 6	January 28, 2027
Pre-hearing conference with Board panel	
DUE DATE 7	February 12, 2027
Opposition to motion to exclude	
DUE DATE 8	February 19, 2027
Reply to opposition to motion to exclude	
DUE DATE 9	February 24, 2027
Oral argument (if requested) at Dallas, Texas USPTO Regional Office	

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