

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MULTI-COLOR CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

BROOK & WHITTLE LTD,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00025
Patent 11,961,422 B2

Before JOHN G. NEW, KIMBERLY MCGRAW, and SHELDON M.
McGEE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McGRAW, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Extending One-Year Pendency for Good Cause
35 U.S.C. § 326(a)(11); 37 C.F.R. § 42.200(c)

Petitioner filed a Petition requesting post-grant review of claims 1–19 of U.S. Patent No. 11,961,422 B2. On September 19, 2025, the Board instituted trial. Paper 14. The one-year period normally available to issue a Final Written Decision expires on September 19, 2026.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 326(a)(11), “the final determination in any post-grant review [shall] be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the Director notices the institution of a proceeding under this chapter, except that the Director may, for good cause shown, extend the 1-year period by not more than 6 months” The Director has delegated the authority to extend the one-year period to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.200(c). In particular, 37 C.F.R. § 42.200(c) provides:

A post-grant review proceeding shall be administered such that pendency before the Board after institution is normally no more than one year. The time can be extended by up to six months for good cause by the Chief Administrative Patent Judge

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.200(c), the Chief Administrative Patent Judge has determined that good cause exists to extend the one-year period for issuing a Final Written Decision here. Paper 70; 37 C.F.R. § 42.200(c). Accordingly, the time to administer the present proceeding is extended by two months.

It is:

ORDERED that good cause exists to extend the time of pendency in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is extended by two months.

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