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Counsel,

Thank you for your response. In view of the parties' agreement, Petitioner is authorized to file a Reply to the POPR, due no later than April 2, 2026. Petitioner's Reply is limited to 30 pages, and should include the declaration and deposition transcript from the motion to terminate included among the exhibits. No additional new evidence is permitted. Patent Owner is authorized to file a Sur-reply. Patent Owner's sur-reply is limited to 12 pages, and due to time constraints, is due no later than April 9, 2026.

Regards,

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Honorable Director,

The parties jointly propose the following briefing schedule for the POPR Reply.

- April 2, 2026 – Petitioner’s POPR Reply (30 pages, with the declaration and deposition transcript from the motion to terminate included among the exhibits)
- April 16, 2026 – Patent Owner’s Sur-reply (12-page sur-reply)

This proposal aligns with the schedule and page limits from the recently ordered Motion to Terminate filings. See, e.g., Order, PGR2025-00003 (25 pages of briefing for each party), Paper 81; Order, PGR2025-00003, Paper 109 (additional 5-page brief for each party).

Should the Director have any questions, the parties will make themselves available for a conference call at the Director’s convenience.

Sincerely,
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Counsel,

The RPI issues presented in PGR2025-00087 appear to be identical to those set forth in related PGRs, e.g., PGR2025-00003. In the related proceedings, Petitioner has been authorized to file a declaration from a single witness addressing whether Petitioner has identified all RPIs, Patent Owner has been authorized to cross-examine this declarant, and the parties may file briefing by April 2, 2026. In view of this, we ask that the parties meet and confer to propose a briefing schedule for presenting their RPI arguments and evidence in this case. The evidence should include the declaration and cross-examination testimony noted above. The parties' briefing proposal should take into account Patent Owner's prior opportunity to address the RPI issue in its Preliminary Response (PGR2025-00087, Paper 10), as well as the upcoming deadline to issue an institution decision in this case. The parties' proposal is due on or before March 9, 2026, and can be submitted by responding to this email.

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