

From: [Director Discretionary Decision](#)
To: [VanDeusen, Christopher](#); [Director Discretionary Decision](#)
Cc: [Hickman, Luca](#); [Holmes, Brandon](#); [Steven Moore](#); [Donald McPhail](#); [Emily Heim](#); [Nicole Cunningham](#); [liuhanchen](#); [ecummings@vanguardcrest.com](#)
Subject: RE: PGR2026-00066 - Patent Owner's Request for Leave to Reply to Discretionary Denial Brief
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 9:53:40 AM

Patent Owner is authorized to file a 5-page reply in PGR2026-00066, due no later than Monday, October 26, 2026, limited to addressing the matters raised below. Petitioner is authorized to file a 5-page sur-reply, due no later than Thursday, October 29, 2026.

From: VanDeusen, Christopher <Christopher.VanDeusen@Dinsmore.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 9:37 AM
To: Director_Discretionary_Decision <Director_Discretionary_Decision@uspto.gov>
Cc: Hickman, Luca <Luca.Hickman@Dinsmore.com>; Holmes, Brandon <Brandon.Holmes@DINSMORE.COM>; Steven Moore <smoore@vcip.us>; Donald McPhail <dmcphail@vcip.us>; Emily Heim <eheim@vcip.us>; Nicole Cunningham <ncunningham@vanguardcrest.com>; liuhanchen <liuhanchen@concordstage.com>; ecummings@vanguardcrest.com
Subject: PGR2026-00066 - Patent Owner's Request for Leave to Reply to Discretionary Denial Brief

You don't often get email from christopher.vandeusen@dinsmore.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: This email has originated from a source outside of USPTO. **PLEASE CONSIDER THE SOURCE** before responding, clicking on links, or opening attachments.

Director Squires,

On behalf of PetPivot Inc., the Patent Owner in PGR2026-00066, we write to seek leave to file a reply in support of PetPivot's request for discretionary denial. Good cause for a reply exists because Petitioner's opposition addresses the "real parties in interest" issue by relying on Petitioner's own filing in a District Court suit that was not filed until after PetPivot's request for discretionary denial.

To address the "real parties in interest" issue, PetPivot respectfully requests leave to file a reply brief of no more than five (5) page, to be filed on or before November 2, 2026.

Petitioner's opposition was filed the evening of Monday, October 19, and PetPivot is requesting leave to reply soon after. PetPivot requested Petitioner's position on this request, but Petitioner did not respond.

PetPivot would be happy to provide any additional information needed for your evaluation of this request.

Sincerely,

Christopher K. VanDeusen
Of Counsel

T (248) 203-1642
F (248) 647-5210
E Christopher.VanDeusen@Dinsmore.com



755 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 1900
Troy, MI 48084



dinsmore.com

NOTICE: This electronic mail transmission from the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl may constitute an attorney-client communication that is privileged at law. It is not intended for transmission to, or receipt by, any unauthorized persons. If you have received this electronic mail transmission in error, please delete it from your system without copying it, and notify the sender by reply e-mail, so that our address record can be corrected.