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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 3 (The proceedings occurred at 11:06 o'clock a.m. as follows:) 4 5 THE COURT: All right. :06:51 6 Good morning. Please be seated. 7 So this is Acceleration Bay v. Activision, Civil Action 8 No. 16-453, and also Electronics Arts, No. 15-454, and also 9 Take-Two Interactive Software, No. 16-455. 10 :07:13 Mr. Rovner, good morning. 11 MR. ROVNER: Good morning, your Honor. 12 With me for plaintiff is Paul Andre and Aaron Frankel 13 from Kramer Levin. 14 MR. ANDRE: Good morning, your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Good morning to you all. :07:22 16 Mr. Blumenfeld? 17 MR. BLUMENFELD: Good morning, your Honor. 18 Jack Blumenfeld for all defendants along with David 19 Enzminger and Mike Tomasulo from Winston & Strawn. 20 THE COURT: All right. :07:32 21 So, you know, Mr. Blumenfeld and Mr. Rovner have heard 22 me many times start off by thanking counsel for their efforts to 23 reach agreement and how much I appreciate it. I'm not going to 24 say that today. 25 But before we got to the Scheduling Order, I was just :07:48



	1	wondering why, not withstanding the fact that I referred	
	2	everything to the Special Master here, I couldn't actually just	
	3	resolve this, because it didn't seem like it was very difficult,	
	4	so it might fall within my area of competence.	
:08:09	5	What plaintiff proposed, as I understand it, is that	
	6	simply because somebody worked on the IPR, which now it is	
	7	represented you cannot change the claims on, does not in any wa	
	8	impede them from working on a going forward basis, is that	
	9	right?	
:08:36	10	MR. FRANKEL: Your Honor, the issue is that the we	
	11	think the people who have been working on the IPRs should now be	
	12	able to access source code because	
	13	THE COURT: Right, I get that, but, I mean, it's	
	14	because the IPR is over.	
:08:48	15	MR. ANDRE: It's not over, your Honor, but the point	
	16	where you can amend is over.	
	17	THE COURT: Right.	
	18	MR. ANDRE: Yes.	
	19	THE COURT: So is there something wrong with the theory	
:08:58	20	that what you why you sometimes restrict people, because they	
	21	have decision-making capabilities that could somehow, you know,	
	22	impact the case, aren't we past that point?	
	23	MR. ENZMINGER: We're not past that point. That's the	
	24	problem, your Honor.	
:09:14	25	The Motions to Amend the claims are still pending, so	



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                there's no certainty as to how the Patent Office is going as to
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                handle it.
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                         THE COURT: Are the Motions to Amend still pending?
                         MR. ANDRE: We filed the motions. All the oral
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                argument is done. We can't do anything else. There's nothing
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                else we can affect the decision. The amendment have already
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                been made. The proposed amendments have been made to the claims
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                and we can't change those.
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                         THE COURT: So is there a timetable for when somebody
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                in the PTO, or I guess in the PTAB, or somewhere is going to
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                rule on these?
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                         MR. ANDRE: March 2nd, I believe. Less than two weeks.
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                         The PTAB is statutorily required to come up with a
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                decision on the IPRs by, I think, March 2nd or 3rd. You guys
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                correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it's those dates.
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                         MR. TOMASULO: Mid-March. There are two sets of
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                decisions.
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                         THE COURT: And, so, when the PTAB actually rules, what
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                would your position be then?
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                         MR. ENZMINGER: It depends on how the PTAB rules.
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                         THE COURT: Let's say they -- why does their ruling
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                make a difference?
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                         MR. ENZMINGER: Suppose they ask for additional
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                briefing or something?
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                         MR. TOMASULO: Or they appeal?
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