

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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APPLE, Inc.  
Petitioner

v.

SightSound, LLC  
Patent Owner

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Case CBM2013-00023  
Patent 5,966,440

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Mailed: May 8, 2013

Before Althea Wilburn, *Trial Paralegal*.

NOTICE OF FILING DATE ACCORDED TO PETITION  
AND  
TIME FOR FILING PATENT OWNER PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

The petition for covered business method patent review in the above proceeding has been accorded the filing date of May 6, 2013.

Administrative Patent Judge Justin Arbes has been designated to manage the proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.5.

A review of the petition identified the following defect(s):

- **Petitioner failed to identify a section within the Petition on ‘Related Matters’ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(2).**
- **Petitioner failed to label each exhibit with the Petitioner’s name and exhibit number affixed to the lower right corner of the first page pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.63(d).**
- **Petitioner needs to incorporate extended footnotes into the body of the Petition.**

Petitioner must correct the defect(s) within **FIVE BUSINESS DAYS** from this notice. Failure to correct the defect(s) may result in an order to show cause as to why the Board should institute the trial. No substantive changes (e.g., new grounds) may be made to the petition.

Patent Owner may file a preliminary response to the petition no later than three months from the date of this notice. The preliminary response is limited to setting forth the reasons why the requested review should not be instituted. Patent Owner may also file an election to waive the preliminary response to expedite the proceeding. For more information, please consult the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48756 (Aug. 14, 2012), which is available on the Board Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/PTAB>.

Patent Owner is advised of the requirement to submit mandatory notice information under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(2) within 21 days of service of the petition.

The parties are encouraged to use the heading on the first page of this Notice for all future filings in the proceeding.

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The parties are advised that under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), recognition of counsel *pro hac vice* requires a showing of good cause. The parties are authorized to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Such motions shall be filed in accordance with the “Order -- Authorizing Motion *for Pro Hac Vice* Admission” in Case IPR2013-00010 (MPT), a copy of which is available on the Board Web site under “Representative Orders, Decisions, and Notices.” Any motion for *pro hac vice* admission filed by the parties shall also indicate that the person sought to be admitted will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct. *See* Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office; Final Rule, 78 Fed. Reg. 20180 (Apr. 3, 2013) (effective May 3, 2013).

The parties are reminded that unless otherwise permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(b)(2), all filings in this proceeding must be made electronically in the Patent Review Processing System (PRPS), accessible from the Board Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/PTAB>.

If there are any questions pertaining to this notice, please contact Althea Wilburn at 571-272-6230 or the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at 571-272-7822.

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