

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.

UNIVERSAL SECURE REGISTRY LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case CBM2018-00022  
U.S. Patent No. 9,530,137

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**REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION  
FEE**

Apple Inc. (“Petitioner” or “Apple”) hereby files its request for a refund of the \$22,000 post-institution fee that was previously paid.

On April 4, 2018, Petitioner filed a petition for covered business method review of U.S. Patent No. 9,530,137 and paid the USPTO a total of \$38,000 at the time of filing, which included a \$22,000 payment for the post-institution fee required under 37 C.F.R. §42.15(b)(1)-(2). The filed covered business method review petition was denied institution on September 12, 2018. (Paper 10.)

Petitioner is entitled to request a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid and is entitled to this refund. *See e.g.*, 78 Fed. Reg. 4233 (Jan. 18, 2013) available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-18/pdf/2013-00819.pdf> (stating that “The entire post-institution fee would be returned to the petitioner if the Office does not institute a review.”).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Apple respectfully requests a refund of the \$22,000 post-institution fee previously paid by Apple.

The refund may be deposited in Deposit Account No. 08-0219 under attorney reference number 1033300.00303US1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 27, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing materials:

- Request for Refund

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