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In re:

U.S. Patent No. 7,802,310

Patent Owners:

PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC & Level 3 Communications

Petitioner:

Rackspace US, Inc. & Rackspace Hosting, Inc.

Inventors:

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For: CONTROLLING ACCESS TO DATA IN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.120



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PersonalWeb Technologies, LLC ("patent owner" or "PO") submits this response to the petition. Petitioner has the burden of proving unpatentability by a preponderance of the evidence. 35 U.S.C. § 316(e). Petitioner has not met its burden for the reasons explained below. *See also* Dewar Decl. at ¶¶ 18-78 [Ex. 2012].

U.S. Patent No. 7,802,310 ("the '310 patent") has an effective filing date of April 11, 1995 given its continuity. (Ex. 1001.) While patent owner (PO) reserves the right to establish an earlier date of invention, an effective filing date of April 11, 1995 is assumed for purposes of this Response (i.e., the "critical date" is no later than April 11, 1995 for purposes of this submission). Petitioner does NOT allege a later effective filing date in connection with the instituted ground. Thus, the April 11, 1995 effective filing date is applicable in this proceeding.

PO notes that another IPR is also pending regarding the '310 patent. (See IPR 2013-00596)

I. INSTITUTED GROUNDS

The Board, on April 15, 2014, instituted a trial in this proceeding regarding the '310 patent for only the following:

1. Whether claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 11, 14, 16-19, 24, 29, 32, 70, 81, 82 and 86 are unpatentable as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Woodhill (Ex. 1003 – U.S. Patent No. 5,649,196) and Francisco (Ex. 1004).



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