

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

RELOADED GAMES, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PARALLEL NETWORKS LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-00136
Patent 7,188,145 B2
Case IPR2014-00139
Patent 7,730,262 B2¹

Before KRISTEN L. DROESCH, BRIAN J. McNAMARA, and
HYUN J. JUNG, *Administrative Patent Judges*

McNAMARA, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Trial Hearing
37C.F.R. § 42.70

¹ This Order addresses issues that are identical in related cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue one order to be filed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style heading in any subsequent papers.

A trial in each of the subject proceedings was instituted on May 16, 2014. IPR2014-00136, Paper 15, IPR2014-00139 Paper 16 (“Decision to Institute”). Both parties have requested oral hearing in each of the subject proceedings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70. The request is GRANTED. **Please note that the date of oral hearing has been changed from February 5, 2015 in the original Scheduling Order entered in each proceeding to February 12, 2015.**

We will conduct a consolidated hearing during which each party will have 60 minutes of total argument time. Reloaded Games, Inc. (“Petitioner”) bears the ultimate burden of proof that the claims at issue in this review are unpatentable. Therefore, at oral hearing Petitioner will proceed first to present its case with regard to the challenged claims on which basis we instituted trial. Thereafter, Parallel Networks LLC (“Patent Owner”) will argue its opposition to Petitioner’s case. Petitioner may then use any time Petitioner reserved to rebut Patent Owner’s opposition. There are no motions to amend or other issues to be argued at the hearing.

There is a strong public policy interest in making all information presented in these proceedings public, as the review determines the patentability of claims in an issued patent and thus affects the rights of the public. This policy is reflected in part, for example, in 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(1) and 35 U.S.C. § 326(a)(1) which provide that the file of any inter partes review or post grant review be made available to the public, except that any petition or document filed with the intent that it be sealed shall, if accompanied by a motion to seal, be treated as sealed pending the outcome of the ruling on the motion. There are no motions to seal in the present proceeding. Accordingly, the Board exercises its discretion to make the oral hearing publically available via in-person attendance.

Specifically, the hearing will commence at **1:00 PM ET, on February 12, 2015**, and it will be open to the public for in-person attendance, on the ninth floor of Madison Building East, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. In-person attendance will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis.

The Board will provide a court reporter for the hearing and the reporter's transcript will constitute the official record of the hearing. Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(b), demonstrative exhibits must be served five business days before the hearing. The parties are directed to *CBS Interactive Inc. v. Helferich Patent Licensing, LLC*, IPR2013-00033, Paper 118 (Oct. 23, 2013), regarding the appropriate content of demonstrative exhibits. Any issue regarding demonstrative exhibits should be resolved at least two days prior to the hearing by way of a joint telephone conference call to the Board. The parties are responsible for requesting such a conference sufficiently in advance of the hearing to accommodate this requirement. Any objection to demonstrative exhibits that is not timely presented will be considered waived. Demonstratives should be filed at the Board no later than two days before the hearing. A hard copy of the demonstratives should be provided to the court reporter at the hearing.

Questions regarding specific audio-visual equipment should be directed to the Board at (571) 272-9797. **Requests for audio-visual equipment are to be made 5 days in advance of the hearing date. The request is to be sent to Trials@uspto.gov. If the request is not received timely, the equipment may not be available on the day of the hearing.** The parties are reminded that the presenter must identify clearly and specifically each demonstrative exhibit (e.g., by slide or screen number) referenced during the hearing to ensure the clarity and accuracy of the reporter's transcript.

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The Board expects lead counsel for each party to be present in person at the oral hearing. However, lead or backup counsel may present the party's argument. If either party anticipates that its lead counsel will not be attending the oral argument, the parties should initiate a joint telephone conference with the Board no later than two business days prior to the oral hearing to discuss the matter.

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