

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PETROLEUM GEO-SERVICES INC.,
and
ION GEOPHYSICAL CORPORATION
AND ION INTERNATIONAL S.A.R.L,
Petitioners,

v.

WESTERNGECO LLC,
Patent Owner.

Cases^{1 2}

IPR2014-00687 (Patent 7,162,967)
IPR2014-00688 (Patent 7,080,607)
IPR2014-00689 (Patent 7,293,520)

Before BRYAN F. MOORE, SCOTT A. DANIELS, and
BEVERLY M. BUNTING, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DANIELS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

¹ This Order addresses issues raised in a conference on June 3, 2015, that are the same in all three cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue one Decision to be filed in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

² Cases IPR2015-00565, IPR2015-00566, IPR2015-00567 have been joined with these proceedings.

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ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.

A conference call was held on June 2, 2015, including Judges Daniels, Moore, and Bunting, and respective counsel for the parties. A court reporter retained by Westerngeco was also on the call, the transcript (Paper 73 (Ex. 2162)) was filed June 5, 2015. PGS requested the call to discuss alleged new issues raised by Westerngeco's Preliminary Responses (IPR2014-00687 (Paper 70), IPR2014-00688 (Paper 71), IPR2014-00689 (Paper 72)). PGS also asserted that Westerngeco's Preliminary Response indicated the intent to file a Patent Owner Response in each of these proceedings, and that they wished to resolve that issue because of the impending oral hearing on July 30, 2015.

Based on issues raised by Westerngeco in its Preliminary Response, including reference to an EPO proceeding involving ION in section IV.A–B, of the Preliminary Response, and Westerngeco's agreement to extend Due Date 2 for PGS's Reply, we grant PGS an additional 10 days, until June 18, 2015, to file its Reply and 15 additional pages. Also, Westerngeco is not authorized to file a new Patent Owner's Response in these proceedings. As discussed in our Grant of Motion for Joinder in the joined proceedings (IPR2015-00565 (Paper 14), IPR2015-00566 (Paper 14), IPR2015-00567 (Paper 14)), the petitions filed by ION in the joined proceedings (IPR2015-00565 (Paper 3), IPR2015-00566 (Paper 3), IPR2015-00567 (Paper 3)), are substantively the same, including the same challenges, as those filed by PGS in these proceedings. Further, Westerngeco filed its Response to these

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challenges in these proceedings on March 20, 2015, and has been afforded the opportunity to address the ION specific defenses and arguments from the joined proceedings in their Preliminary Response.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that DUE DATE 2 for PGS to file its Reply is extended to June 18, 2015, with 15 additional pages to address new issues raised in Westergenco's Preliminary Response; and

ORDERED that Westergenco is not authorized to file a Patent Owner's Response in these proceedings.

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