

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 L.L.C.

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-00688¹

U.S. Patent No. 7,080,607

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

¹ Case IPR2015-00567 has been joined with this proceeding.

Pursuant to the Board's December 15, 2014 Scheduling Order (Paper 34) and the parties' Joint Notice of Stipulation to Revised Schedule (Paper 77), Patent Owner WesternGeco L.L.C. respectfully requests oral argument, currently scheduled on July 30, 2015. Patent Owner requests that argument in IPR2014-00688 be consolidated with argument in IPR2014-00687 and IPR2014-00689 and requests three hours to present its arguments: (a) two hours for oral argument for all three proceedings, and (b) one hour of live testimony by Mr. Robin C. Walker. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70, Patent Owner specifies the following issues to be argued:

1. Claims 1 and 15 are not anticipated by Workman;
2. Claims 1 and 15 are not obvious over Workman;
3. Claims 1 and 15 are not obvious over Workman and Elholm;
4. Construction of claims 1 and 15;
5. Secondary considerations of non-obviousness;
6. Petitioners' identification of Real Parties in Interest;
7. Whether Petitioners are in privity with each other;
8. Collateral estoppel and res judicata;
9. Whether the petition is time-barred under 35 U.S.C. § 315(b); and
10. Whether Patent Owner has been afforded due process in this proceeding.

Patent Owner also requests that Robin C. Walker be allowed to provide live testimony at the oral hearing on the issue of secondary considerations of non-obviousness.² Mr. Walker submitted a declaration and provided deposition testimony in support of Patent Owner's secondary considerations argument. Petitioners provided no rebuttal evidence on secondary considerations in their reply brief. Instead, Petitioners' sole response to this evidence was to attack Mr. Walker's credibility. Mr. Walker's credibility and testimony are therefore central to this Board's secondary considerations determination. Patent Owner thus respectfully requests that Mr. Walker be allowed to testify. In addition to the two hours that Patent Owner requests for oral argument, Patent Owner requests one hour for Mr. Walker's live witness testimony to be divided equally between Petitioner Petroleum Geo-Services, Inc. ("PGS") and Patent Owner. Specifically, Patent Owner proposes that it receives 30 minutes for direct examination and that PGS receives 30 minutes for cross examination.³

² Patent Owner and Petitioner Petroleum Geo-Services Inc. ("PGS") have conferred and it is Patent Owner's understanding that PGS will oppose this request.

³ Patent Owner reserves the right to request additional time for redirect at the oral hearing.

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In the event any fees are required for this Request, please charge Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies service of
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