
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PETROLEUM GEO-SERVICES INC.
Petitioner

v.

WESTERNGECO LLC
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2014-00689
Patent No. 7,293,520

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER A. SUAREZ IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

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2. On March 18, 2014, I took and passed the USPTO Examination for Registration to Practice in Patent Cases, as confirmed by the March 20, 2014 letter from the USPTO's Office of Enrollment and Discipline attached to this affidavit as Exhibit A. I submitted the required certificate of good standing to verify my status as an attorney, along with the required oath and declaration, to the USPTO to advance the process of receiving a USPTO Attorney Registration Number soon thereafter.

3. My admission to practice before the USPTO is awaiting final approval. To confirm this, my name appeared in the USPTO's *Official Gazette* on April 22, 2014—the day before the Petition was filed in this proceeding. This notice makes clear that I am “seeking . . . registration to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.” *See* Exhibit B. Individuals have until May 9, 2014 to provide comments regarding my character to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. To the best of my knowledge, no comments have been filed to this date that would adversely affect my eligibility to practice before the USPTO, and I have no reason to expect that any such comments would be filed. Assuming that no

Judge Timothy B. Dyk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and thereby increased my familiarity with the patent laws and doctrines promulgated from that court.

5. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

6. I have never filed an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body that has been denied.

7. I have never been issued sanctions or contempt citations from any court or administrative body.

8. I have read and will comply with the both the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

9. I attest that I will be subject to, and comply with, the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

10. I have never applied to appear *pro hac vice* in other proceedings before the Board prior to the date of this declaration. The four matters (2013IPR-


11. I have familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. I have been intimately involved in the details of this case for more than four months, can attest that I have read background materials pertaining to the relevant technology, and have worked extensively with the pertinent experts in this matter in developing the invalidity theories presented in the Petition. These experts have explained concepts relating to marine seismic surveying and control systems to me at length and on many occasions. Additionally, I have a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and my background knowledge in this area is relevant to computerized control system technology implicated by the patent at issue in this proceeding.

12. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.



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