

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PETROLEUM GEO-SERVICES INC,
Petitioner,

v.

WESTERNGECO LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-01475 (Patent 7,162,967)
Case IPR2014-01477 (Patent 7,080,607)
Case IPR2014-01478 (Patent 7,293,520)¹

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

DANIELS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Request for Oral Argument
37 C.F.R. § 42.70

We instituted the above-identified *inter partes* reviews. *See e.g.*,
Paper 18.² The Scheduling Order for these cases originally set the date for

¹ This Order addresses issues that are identical in each case. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

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oral hearing as November 12, 2015, if a hearing is requested by the parties and granted by the panel. Paper 19. Due to scheduling conflicts, the oral hearing will be on November 10, 2015. Both parties have requested oral hearing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70. Papers 50, 51. The requests are granted.

Oral arguments in this proceeding will commence at **9:00 am Eastern Time on November 10, 2015**, at the **USPTO Central Headquarter located in Alexandria, Virginia** (ninth floor of Madison Building East, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia). Each party will have 60 minutes total time to present argument.

Petitioner bears the ultimate burden of proof that Patent Owner's claims at issue are unpatentable. Thus, Petitioner will open the hearing by presenting its case; Patent Owner will follow. Petitioner may reserve some time to respond to Patent Owner's presentation.

The Board will provide a court reporter for the hearing and the reporter's transcript will constitute the official record of the hearing. The hearing will be open to the public for in-person attendance that will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The parties are reminded that each 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. The parties also should note that one panel member will be attending the hearing electronically from the USPTO Detroit Regional

² For purposes of convenience, all citations are to papers filed in Case IPR2014-01475, as representative, unless otherwise noted.

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Office, and thus, again parties should be clear on the record as to what demonstrative is being discussed so the judge presiding over the hearing remotely may consider that demonstrative during the presentation.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(b), the parties shall serve any demonstrative exhibits upon each other at least five business days prior to the hearing. The parties also shall provide the demonstrative exhibits to the Board at least five business days prior to the hearing by emailing them to Trials@uspto.gov. The parties shall not file any demonstrative exhibits in this proceeding without prior authorization from the Board. The parties are directed to *St. Jude Medical, Cardiology Division, Inc. v. The Board of Regents of the University of Michigan*, IPR2013-00041 (PTAB Jan. 27, 2014 (Paper 65)), for guidance regarding the appropriate content of demonstrative exhibits.

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

Any special requests for audio visual equipment should be directed to Trials@uspto.gov. Requests for special equipment will not be honored unless presented in a separate communication directed to the above email address not less than five days before the hearing.

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