

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AT&T MOBILITY LLC and
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS,
Petitioner,

v.

SOLOCRON MEDIA, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00342¹
Patent 6,496,692 B1

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, JACQUELINE W. BONILLA, and
PATRICK M. BOUCHER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BOUCHER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Joint Motion to Terminate
35 U.S.C. § 317

¹ This Order addresses the same issue in the *inter partes* reviews listed in the Appendix. Therefore, we issue one Order to be filed in all of the cases. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style of filing in subsequent papers, without prior authorization.

On May 12, 2015, the parties requested that each of the proceedings identified in the Appendix (“these proceedings”) be terminated with respect to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless”) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). Paper 13. The parties represent that “Verizon Wireless and [Patent Owner] have settled their dispute, including reaching agreement to terminate [these] *inter partes* review[s] with respect to Verizon Wireless.” *Id.* The parties previously represented in an email communication to the Board that AT&T Mobility LLC (“AT&T Mobility”) and Patent Owner were in the process of finalizing a settlement agreement, but no motion to terminate the proceedings with respect to AT&T Mobility has been filed in any of these proceedings.

With their motion to terminate, Verizon Wireless and Patent Owner filed a copy of a joint stipulated motion to dismiss the related district court matter with prejudice to Verizon Wireless and Verizon Communications Inc., together with a copy of the district-court order granting the motion. Paper 15. Verizon Wireless and Patent Owner also filed a copy of what they represent is a “true and correct copy” of their written agreement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 317(b). Paper 16. The parties request that the agreement be treated as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b).² Paper 14.

Each of these proceedings is in an early stage and no decision whether to institute *inter partes* reviews has been made. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate these proceedings as to Verizon Wireless. The proceedings are not terminated with respect to AT&T, and termination with respect to Verizon Wireless does not toll the time for AT&T to

² The motion’s caption refers correctly to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b), but the body of the motion refers incorrectly to 35 U.S.C. § 327(b). The error is harmless.

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submit a brief in response to Patent Owner's Preliminary Responses as authorized in the order of May 5, 2015 (Paper 11).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the joint motions to terminate the proceedings identified in the Appendix with respect to Verizon Wireless are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the joint requests that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of the involved patents under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 317(b), i.e. to be made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that each of the proceedings identified in the Appendix will continue with AT&T as the sole named petitioner.

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APPENDIX

U.S. Patent No.	<i>Inter Partes</i> Review
6,496,692 B1	IPR2015-00342
7,319,866 B2	IPR2015-00349 IPR2015-00376
7,257,395 B2	IPR2015-00350 IPR2015-00391 IPR2015-00392
7,295,864 B2	IPR2015-00364 IPR2015-00380 IPR2015-00383
8,594,651 B2	IPR2015-00387 IPR2015-00388 IPR2015-00389
7,742,759 B2	IPR2015-00390