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COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE DRUGS II LLC Petitioner

v.

NPS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. Patent Owner

> Case IPR2015-00990 Patent 7,056,886

PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 313 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.107, Patent Owner NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("NPS" or "Patent Owner") submits this Patent Owner's Preliminary Response ("Response") to the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 7,056,886 ("Petition") filed by Coalition for Affordable Drugs II LLC ("Petitioner"). Petitioner requests an *inter partes* review ("IPR") of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,056,886 ("the '886 patent"). The Response is timely under 35 U.S.C. § 313 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.107; it is filed within three months of the mailing date of the April 24, 2015, Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 6).

I. Introduction

The inventor of the '886 patent discovered GLP-2/GLP-2 analog formulations "exhibiting superior stability following storage and/or exposure to elevated temperatures." Ex. 1003, Abstract. The challenged claims (claims 46-52 and 61-75) are directed to formulations of GLP-2 or an analog that are stabilized with L-histidine (claims 46-52), kits containing these formulations (claims 61-68), and methods of using these formulations to treat serious intestinal diseases (claims 69-75). The Petition should be denied because:

1 - it asserts substantially the same grounds of unpatentability that were asserted by the Examiner during prosecution and were overcome by Patent Owner;

2 – it does not rebut the arguments made during prosecution by the PatentOwner that successfully overcame these same rejections;

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