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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VERIZON SERVICES CORP., VERIZON SOUTH INC., VERIZON VIRGINIA LLC, VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., VERIZON FEDERAL INC., VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES INC., AND MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

Petitioners,

V.

SPHERIX INCORPORATED Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-01381 U.S. Patent No. 6,980,564

PETITIONERS VERIZON SERVICES CORP. ET AL.'S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES



Pursuant to the Patent and Trademark Office's Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 Fed. Reg. 4212, 4232-4234 (Jan. 18, 2013), Petitioners Verizon Services Corp., Verizon South Inc., Verizon Virginia LLC, Verizon Communications Inc., Verizon Federal Inc., Verizon Business Network Services Inc., and MCI Communications Services, Inc. (collectively, "Petitioners") request a refund in the amount of \$14,000.00 to be paid to either Deposit Account Number 50-5906 or credited to the credit card used to initially provide payment.

On June 11, 2015, Petitioners filed a Petition for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 6,980,564 ("the '564 patent") with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB"). In accordance with the fee schedule specified in 35 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), Petitioners deposited an electronic payment with the filing of the Petition. The electronic payment included \$9,000.00 for fees associated with Petitioners' request for review and a further \$14,000 for post-institution fees.

On September 14, 2015, the Board entered a Decision on a Joint Motion to Terminate pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a), 42.71(a), to dismiss the Petition since the PTAB had "not yet entered a decision on institution in this proceeding." Paper No. 8 at 2. Accordingly, Petitioners request a refund in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the post-institution fees that they have paid but are no longer necessary.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e) and 42.105(a), I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing, **PETITIONERS VERIZON**

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INSTITUTION FEES, was served on September 23, 2015, via electronic mail on counsel of record for the Patent Owner at the correspondence address of the Patent Owner as follows:

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