

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

JOAO CONTROL & MONITORING SYSTEMS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-01508 (Patent 6,542,076 B1) ¹
Case IPR2015-01585 (Patent 5,917,405)

Before HOWARD B. BLANKENSHIP, STACEY G. WHITE, and
JASON J. CHUNG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WHITE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

¹ This order addresses a similar issue in the both cases. Therefore, we exercise discretion to issue one order to be filed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style of heading in subsequent papers.

A. DUE DATES

This order sets due dates for the parties to take action after institution of the proceeding. The parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1 through 4 (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 5). A notice of the stipulation, specifically identifying the changed due dates, must be promptly filed. The parties may not stipulate to an extension of DUE DATES 5 and 6.

In stipulating to different times, the parties should consider the effect of the stipulation on times to object to evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)), to supplement evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(2)), to conduct cross-examination (37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2)), and to draft papers depending on the evidence and cross-examination testimony (*see* section B, below).

The parties are reminded that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,772 (Aug. 14, 2012) (Appendix D), apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

1. INITIAL CONFERENCE CALL

The parties are directed to contact the Board within a month of this order if there is a need to discuss proposed changes to this Scheduling Order or proposed motions. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,765–66 (Aug. 14, 2012) (guidance in preparing for an initial conference call).

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2. DUE DATE 1

The patent owner may file a response to the petition (37 C.F.R. § 42.120).

3. DUE DATE 2

The petitioner must file any reply to the patent owner's response by DUE DATE 2.

4. DUE DATE 3

a. Each party must file any motion for an observation on the cross-examination testimony of a reply witness (*see* section C, below) by DUE DATE 3.

b. Each party must file any motion to exclude evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(c)) and any request for oral argument (37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a)) by DUE DATE 3.

5. DUE DATE 4

a. Each party must file any response to an observation on cross-examination testimony by DUE DATE 4.

b. Each party must file any opposition to a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 4.

6. DUE DATE 5

Each party must file any reply for a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 5.

7. DUE DATE 6

The oral argument (if requested by either party) is set for DUE DATE 6.

B. CROSS-EXAMINATION

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due.

37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).

2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id.*

C. MOTION FOR OBSERVATION ON CROSS-EXAMINATION

A motion for observation on cross-examination provides the parties with a mechanism to draw the Board's attention to relevant cross-examination testimony of a reply witness because no further substantive paper is permitted after the reply. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,768 (Aug. 14, 2012). The observation must be a concise statement of the relevance of precisely identified testimony to a precisely identified argument or portion of an exhibit. Each observation should not exceed a single, short paragraph. The opposing party may respond to the observation. Any response must be equally concise and specific.

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DUE DATE APPENDIX

INITIAL CONFERENCE CALL UPON REQUEST

DUE DATE 1 May 9, 2016
Patent owner's response to the petition

DUE DATE 2 August 8, 2016
Petitioner's reply to patent owner's response to petition

DUE DATE 3 September 8, 2016
Motion for observation regarding cross-examination of reply witness
Motion to exclude evidence
Request for oral argument

DUE DATE 4 September 29, 2016
Response to observation
Opposition to motion to exclude

DUE DATE 5 October 6, 2016
Reply to opposition to motion to exclude

DUE DATE 6 October 20, 2016
Oral argument (if requested)

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