

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

JOAO CONTROL & MONITORING SYSTEMS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-01610 (Patent 6,542,076 B1) ¹
Case IPR2015-01611 (Patent 6,549,130 B1)
Case IPR2015-01612 (Patent 7,397,363 C1)
Case IPR2015-01613 (Patent 5,917,405)

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

WHITE, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Steven Ritcheson
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This order addresses a similar issue in the all four 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.

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Patent Owner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Steven W. Ritcheson in each of the above-identified proceedings on April 12, 2016. IPR2015-01610, Paper 10; IPR2015-01611, Paper 10; IPR2015-01612, Paper 10; IPR2015-01613, Paper 10. The Motion was accompanied a declaration from Mr. Ritcheson. IPR2015-01610, Ex. 2003; IPR2015-01611, Ex. 2003; IPR2015-01612, Ex. 2002; IPR2015-01613, Ex. 2003. Patent Owner represents that these Motions are not opposed. *See, e.g.*, IPR2015-01610, Paper 10, 1.

Having considered Patent Owner's Motions and the accompanying declaration, we determine that Patent Owner has established good cause for Mr. Ritcheson's *pro hac vice* admission. Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Mr. Steven W. Ritcheson is *granted* in IPR2015-01610, IPR2015-01611, IPR2015-01612, and IPR2015-01613;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Steven W. Ritcheson is authorized to represent Patent Owner as backup counsel in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in the instant proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Steven W. Ritcheson shall comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and is subject to the Office's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

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