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ARISTA NETWORKS, INC.  
Petitioner

v.

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2016-00309  
Patent 7,224,668 B1

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**PATENT OWNER'S  
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70, the Board’s June 11, 2016 Scheduling Order (Paper 9), and the parties’ subsequent joint stipulations to modify the scheduling order—Papers 16, 17 and 27, Patent Owner Cisco Systems, Inc. respectfully requests oral argument in Alexandria, Virginia at 600 Delany Street, which is currently scheduled for March 7, 2017. Patent Owner currently has two Federal Circuit arguments on March 7 and March 13 that will require its counsel to be in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, Cisco’s in-house counsel is located on the East Coast (Atlanta) and its PTAB counsel is located in Washington, D.C.

Patent Owner will address issues raised in the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent 7,224,668 (“the ’668 patent”), Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response, Patent Owner’s Response, Petitioner’s Reply to Patent Owner’s Response, Patent Owner’s Motions for Observations on Cross Examination (if filed), any Responses to Motions for Observations (if filed), and any Motions to Exclude and corresponding Oppositions and Replies (if filed).

The issues to be argued are:

(1) whether claims 1-6, 8, 9, 15-22, 24-27, 33-36, 55-58, 60-63, and 69-72 of the ’668 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over a combination of Amara and CoreBuilder;

(2) whether claims 7, 23, and 59 of the ’668 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over a combination of Amara, CoreBuilder, and Moberg; and

(3) whether claims 10, 12, 13, 28, 30, 31, 64, 66, and 67 of the '668 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over a combination of Amara, CoreBuilder, and Hendel.

Respectfully submitted,

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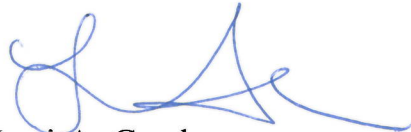
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