

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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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

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**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Petitioner, Arista Networks, Inc., submits this Request for Oral Argument of claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-28, 30, 31, 33-36, 55-64, 66, 67, and 69-72 of U.S. Patent No. 7,224,668 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on all instituted grounds. The Board has scheduled Oral Hearing for March 7, 2017, on the same day as the Oral Hearings in IPR2016-00303 (involving U.S. Patent No. 6,377,577 (“’577 patent”)), IPR2016-00306 (involving U.S. Patent No. 7,023,853 (“’853 patent”)), and IPR2016-00308 (involving U.S. Patent No. 7,162,537 (“’537 patent”)). *See* Paper 9 at 7; IPR2016-00306, Paper 9 at 7.

Given the scope and complexity of the issues in these four proceedings, Petitioner requests no more than 3.5 hours per side of oral argument time for all four IPRs, with each side deciding the amount of time to allocate to each IPR. In addition, Petitioner proposes that the Hearings proceed in the following manner:

- Petitioner’s opening argument on the ’577 and ’853 patents;
- Patent Owner’s responsive argument on the ’577 and ’853 patents;
- Petitioner’s reply argument on the ’577 and ’853 patents;
- Petitioner’s opening argument on the ’668 patent;
- Patent Owner’s responsive argument on the ’668 patent;
- Petitioner’s reply argument on the ’668 patent;
- Petitioner’s opening argument on the ’537 patent;
- Patent Owner’s responsive argument on the ’537 patent;

- Petitioner's reply argument on the '537 patent.

Petitioner believes that proceeding in this order would be most efficient because the '577 and '853 patents are genealogically related to each other. The '668 patent and '537 patent are not related to each other or to the '577 or '853 patents.

Finally, Petitioner's preference for the location of the Oral Hearings is in the West Coast Regional Office, in San Jose, California. Both Petitioner and Patent Owner are located in that area. Petitioner has reached out to Patent Owner with respect to this issue and has learned that Patent Owner would prefer to have the Hearing at the USPTO main office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

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