UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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BAKER HUGHES INCORPORATED and
BAKER HUGHES OILFIELD OPERATIONS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PACKERS PLUS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2016-00596 (Patent 7,134,505 B2)
Case IPR2016-00597 (Patent 7,543,634 B2)
Case IPR2016-00598 (Patent 7,861,774 B2)[1]

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NEIL T. POWELL, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceedings
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

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[1] This Order applies to all three cases. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

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Introduction

On April 6, 2017, a conference call was held with the parties. During the conference call, Patent Owner indicated a desire that live testimony be presented for these cases. Petitioner indicated that it did not desire live testimony.

Concurrent with this Order, IPR2016-01496 has been joined with IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-01505 has been joined with IPR2016-00597, and IPR2016-01506 has been joined with IPR2016-00598. As a result, the schedule has changed for IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-00597, and IPR2016-00598. In view of this, the question of whether live testimony will be held in these cases will remain under consideration until further notice.

Order

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the question of whether live testimony will be held in these cases will remain under consideration until further notice.

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