UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ACTIVISION BLIZZARD, INC., ELECTRONIC ARTS INC., TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE, INC., 2K SPORTS, INC., and ROCKSTAR GAMES, INC.,

Petitioners

v.

ACCELERATION BAY, LLC,
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2016-00931 Patent No. 6,701,344

Before the Honorable SALLY C. MEDLEY, LYNNE E. PETTIGREW, and WIL-LIAM M. FINK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE

Petitioners, Activision Blizzard, Inc., Electronic Arts Inc., Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc., 2K Sports, Inc., and Rockstar Games, Inc. ("Petitioners"), hereby request a refund of the \$14,000 post-institution fee that they previously paid. Petitioners filed a petition for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 6,701,344 on April 21, 2016, and paid the USPTO \$23,000 on that date, including a \$9,000 payment for the *inter partes* review request fee and a \$14,000 payment



for the post-institution fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a)(2). The Board denied institution of the *inter partes* review petition on June 23, 2016 (Paper No. 13). Based on this denial of institution, Petitioners are entitled to a refund of the post-institution fee. *See*, *e.g.*, 78 FR 4233 (January 18, 2013) available at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-18/pdf/2013-00819.pdf ("if the review is not instituted at all, the portion of the fee covering the trial would be returned"). For at least the foregoing reasons, Petitioners hereby request a refund of the \$14,000 post-institution fee that they previously paid. The refund may be deposited in Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. 109869-0003-658.



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