

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 IPR2016-01496 (Patent 7,134,505 B2)  
Case IPR2016-01505 (Patent 7,543,634 B2)  
Case IPR2016-01506 (Patent 7,861,774 B2)<sup>1</sup>

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Before SCOTT A. DANIELS, NEIL T. POWELL, and  
CARL M. DEFRANCO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

POWELL, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

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<sup>1</sup> This Decision applies to motions in all three cases. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

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### *Introduction*

An initial conference call was held with the parties on March 8, 2017. In the call, the possibility of live testimony in these cases and IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-00597, IPR2016-00598, IPR2016-00650, IPR2016-00656, and IPR2016-00657 was discussed. Patent Owner indicated potential interest in live testimony, but stated it needed further time to decide the matter. Additionally, Patent Owner noted that there are outstanding motions, filed by Petitioner, for joinder of these cases with IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-00597, and IPR2016-00598, respectively. Although Patent Owner filed written oppositions to Petitioner's joinder motions, Patent Owner indicated it is contemplating whether joinder would be appropriate.

We indicated Patent Owner may consider these matters and report back. At the same time, we noted a decision on these matters will be necessary soon, as the hearing for IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-00597, IPR2016-00598, IPR2016-00650, IPR2016-00656, and IPR2016-00657 is scheduled for May 18, 2017. In view of the foregoing, we determine that, by close of business Tuesday, March 14, Patent Owner should inform us (1) whether Patent Owner desires live testimony in any of these cases and/or IPR2016-00596, IPR2016-00597, IPR2016-00598, IPR2016-00650, IPR2016-00656, and IPR2016-00657, and (2) whether Patent Owner wishes to withdraw its opposition to Petitioner's joinder motions.

### *Order*

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that, by close of business Tuesday, March 14, 2017,

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