

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.

Petitioner,

v.

FIRSTFACE CO., LTD.,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2019-00614¹

U.S. Patent No. 9,779,419

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

¹ Case IPR2019-01012 has been consolidated with this proceeding.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Petitioner Apple Inc. (“Petitioner”) submits this Request for Oral Hearing on the instituted grounds of unpatentability for claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, and 15-17 of U.S. Patent 9,779,419 (“’419 patent”)² under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and associated issues. Petitioner also requests rebuttal to respond to all issues raised by Patent Owner’s presentation.

The Board already scheduled the Oral Hearing for this and related proceedings—IPR2019-00612 for U.S. Patent 8,831,557 (“’557 patent”), IPR2019-00613 for U.S. Patent 9,633,373 (“’373 patent”)³, and IPR2019-00614 for the ’419 patent—for May 5, 2020. IPR2019-00612, Paper 12 at 8; IPR2019-00613, Paper 13 at 6; IPR2019-00614, Paper 14 at 6. Petitioner’s counsel has conferred with Patent Owner’s counsel regarding the Oral Hearing. The parties jointly request Oral Hearing for the IPR2019-00612, IPR2019-00613, and IPR2019-00614 proceedings. The parties jointly propose that arguments for IPR2019-00612 on the ’557 patent be heard first with an allocation of one (1) hour per side, followed by arguments for IPR2019-00613 and IPR2019-00614 on the ’373 and ’419 patents with a total allocation of one (1) hour per side.

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³ Case IPR2019-01011 has been consolidated with IPR2019-00613.

Furthermore, in view of the USPTO's update on oral hearings scheduled to take place at USPTO offices on or after Friday, March 13, 2020, Petitioner intends to participate via remote video and/or telephone. Petitioner requests the ability to use audio/visual equipment to display demonstratives and exhibits at the oral hearing, to the extent available at the time of the hearing.

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