

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,
Petitioner

v.

BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH, LLC,
Patent Owner

Patent No. 7,039,435

MOTION FOR JOINDER TO *INTER PARTES* REVIEW IPR2019-01365

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I. STATEMENT OF THE PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., (“Petitioner” or “Samsung”) respectfully submits this Motion for Joinder, concurrently with a Petition (“the Samsung Petition”) for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 7,039,435 (“the ’435 patent”) filed herewith.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 315(c), 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.22 and 42.122(b), Samsung requests institution of an *inter partes* review and joinder with *ZTE (USA), Inc. v. Bell Northern Research, LLC*, IPR2019-01365 (“the ZTE IPR” or “the ZTE proceeding”), which the Board instituted on February 11, 2020, concerning the same claims 1-3, and 6 of the ’435 patent at issue in the Samsung Petition. This request is being submitted within the time frame set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b).

Samsung submits that this request for joinder is consistent with the policy surrounding *inter partes* reviews, as it is the most expedient way to “to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding.” *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b); *see also HTC v. Parthenon Unified Memory Architecture LLC*, IPR2017-00512, Paper No. 12 at 5-6 (June 1, 2017). The Samsung Petition and the Petition in the ZTE IPR are substantially identical; they contain the same grounds (based on the same prior art combinations and supporting evidence) against the same claims. (*See* Ex. 1018, illustrating changes between the instant Petition and the Petition in IPR2019-01365.) Further, upon joining the ZTE IPR, Samsung will act as an

“understudy” and will not assume an active role unless the current Petitioner ceases to participate in the instituted IPR. Accordingly, the proposed joinder will neither unduly complicate the ZTE IPR nor delay its schedule. As such, the joinder will promote judicial efficiency in determining the patentability of the '435 patent without prejudice to Patent Owner.

II. STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS

1. The '435 patent is at issue in an infringement action against Samsung in the Eastern District of Texas, Case No. 2:19-cv-00286.
2. The '435 patent is also at issue in other patent infringement actions: Case Nos. 3:18-cv-02864 (S.D. Cal.) and 3:18-cv-01786 (S.D. Cal.).
3. The '435 patent is also at issue in IPR2019-00319, and was at issue in IPR2019-01186, which was terminated on December 13, 2019.
4. On July 24, 2019, ZTE (USA), Inc. filed a petition for *inter partes* review (IPR2019-01365) (“the ZTE Petition”) requesting cancellation of claims 1-3, and 6 of the '435 patent.
5. On February 11, 2020, the Board instituted the ZTE IPR.
6. The Samsung Petition and the ZTE Petition are substantially identical; they contain the same grounds (based on the same prior art combinations and supporting evidence) against the same claims.

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