

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MASIMO CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-01715
Patent 10,631,765 B1

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, ROBERT L. KINDER, and
AMANDA F. WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Institution of *Inter Partes* Review
35 U.S.C. § 314, 37 C.F.R. § 42.4

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Apple Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a Petition requesting an *inter partes* review of claims 1–29 (“challenged claims”) of U.S. Patent No. 10,631,765 B1 (Ex. 1001, “the ’765 patent”). Paper 3 (“Pet.”). Masimo Corporation (“Patent Owner”) waived filing a preliminary response. Paper 7 (“PO Waiver”).

We have authority to determine whether to institute an *inter partes* review, under 35 U.S.C. § 314 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.4. An *inter partes* review may not be instituted unless it is determined that “the information presented in the petition filed under section 311 and any response filed under section 313 shows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition.” 35 U.S.C. § 314 (2018); *see also* 37 C.F.R. § 42.4(a) (“The Board institutes the trial on behalf of the Director.”).

For the reasons provided below and based on the record before us, we determine that Petitioner has demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail in showing the unpatentability of at least one of the challenged claims. Accordingly, we institute an *inter partes* review on all grounds set forth in the Petition.

B. Related Matters

The parties identify the following matters related to the ’765 patent: *Masimo Corporation v. Apple Inc.*, Civil Action No. 8:20-cv-00048 (C.D. Cal.) (filed Jan. 9, 2020) (“the parallel district court litigation”);

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Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01714 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims 1–29 of the '765 patent);¹

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01520 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,258,265 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01521 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,292,628 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01523 (PTAB Sept. 9, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,457,703 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01524 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,433,776 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01526 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,771,994 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01536 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,553 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01537 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,553 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01538 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,554 B2);

¹ Pursuant to the Board's November 2019, Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>, Petitioner filed a Notice ranking its two petitions that challenge the '765 patent, ranking first IPR2020-01714, and ranking second this proceeding. Paper 2, 2. We decline to exercise discretion to deny institution in this case where (1) Patent Owner does not request that we exercise discretion to deny due to the presence of multiple petitions, (2) the two petitions challenge a large claim set, and (3) Petitioner represents that, at the time of the filing, Patent Owner had not yet narrowed the claims asserted in the parallel district court litigation. Paper 2, 2–3; Ex. 1040, 1 (reduction in claims due after petitions were filed).

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Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01539 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,554 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01713 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,624,564 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01716 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,702,194 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01722 (PTAB Oct. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,470,695 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01723 (PTAB Oct. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,470,695 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01733 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,702,195 B1); and

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01737 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,709,366 B1).

Pet. 3–4; Paper 5, 1–4.

Patent Owner further identifies the following pending patent applications, among other issued and abandoned applications, that claim priority to, or share a priority claim with, the '765 patent:

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/834,538;

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/449,143; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/805,605.

Paper 5, 1–2.

C. The '765 Patent

The '765 patent is titled “Multi-Stream Data Collection System for Noninvasive Measurement of Blood Constituents,” and issued on April 28, 2020, from U.S. Patent Application No. 16/725,478, filed December 23,

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