

**U.S. District Court [LIVE]  
Western District of Texas (Waco)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 6:20-cv-00777-ADA**

Estech Systems, Inc. v. Howard Midstream Energy Partners  
Assigned to: Judge Alan D Albright  
Cause: 35:271 Patent Infringement

Date Filed: 08/25/2020  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 830 Patent  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/25/2020	<a href="#">1</a>	COMPLAINT for Patent Infringement ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0542-13897084), filed by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A to Complaint, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B to Complaint, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit C to Complaint, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit D to Complaint, # <a href="#">5</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(Williams, Fred) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">2</a>	Notice of Filing of Patent/Trademark Form (AO 120). AO 120 forwarded to the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (Williams, Fred) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">3</a>	RULE 7 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Williams, Fred) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">4</a>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS by Estech Systems, Inc.. to Howard Midstream Energy Partners d/b/a Howard Energy Partners (Williams, Fred) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">5</a>	Pro Hac Vice Letter to John Wittenzellner. (lad) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">6</a>	Pro Hac Vice Letter to Todd E. Landis. (lad) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020	<a href="#">7</a>	Summons Issued as to Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (lad) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/25/2020		Case assigned to Judge Alan D Albright. CM WILL NOW REFLECT THE JUDGE INITIALS AS PART OF THE CASE NUMBER. PLEASE APPEND THESE JUDGE INITIALS TO THE CASE NUMBER ON EACH DOCUMENT THAT YOU FILE IN THIS CASE. (lad) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/28/2020	<a href="#">8</a>	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Wasif Qureshi on behalf of Howard Midstream Energy Partners. Attorney Wasif Qureshi added to party Howard Midstream Energy Partners(pty:dft) (Qureshi, Wasif) (Main Document 8 replaced on 8/28/2020) (am). (Entered: 08/28/2020)
08/28/2020	<a href="#">9</a>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 08/28/2020)
08/30/2020		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">9</a> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer entered by Judge Alan D Albright. Came on for consideration is Defendant's Motion. Noting that it is unopposed, the Court GRANTS the Motion. Defendant shall have up to and including October 19, 2020 to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (jy) (Entered: 08/30/2020)
08/30/2020		Reset Deadlines: Howard Midstream Energy Partners answer due 10/19/2020. (lad) (Entered: 08/31/2020)
09/22/2020	<a href="#">11</a>	Standing Order Regarding Notice of Readiness in Patent Cases (Entered: 10/05/2020)
10/19/2020	<a href="#">12</a>	ANSWER to <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, , COUNTERCLAIM against Estech Systems, Inc. by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/19/2020	<a href="#">13</a>	RULE 7 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
11/09/2020	<a href="#">14</a>	ANSWER to <a href="#">12</a> Answer to Complaint, Counterclaim by Estech Systems, Inc..(Williams, Fred) (Entered: 11/09/2020)
11/10/2020	<a href="#">15</a>	NOTICE of Filing Case Readiness Status Report by Estech Systems, Inc. (Ennis, Chad) (Entered: 11/10/2020)
12/14/2020	<a href="#">16</a>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Proposed Scheduling Order by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 12/14/2020)
12/15/2020		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">16</a> Motion for Extension of Time to File entered by Judge Alan D Albright. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties shall have until and including December 15, 2020 to submit a Proposed Scheduling Order. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (re) (Entered: 12/15/2020)

12/18/2020	<a href="#">18</a>	SCHEDULING ORDER: Markman Hearing set for 5/14/2021 09:00 AM before Judge Alan D Albright. Joinder of Parties due by 6/25/2021. Amended Pleadings due by 9/3/2021. Dispositive Motions due by 1/31/2022. Pretrial Conference set for 4/1/2022 09:00 AM before Judge Alan D Albright. Jury Selection and Trial set for 4/11/2022 09:00AM before Judge Alan D Albright. Signed by Judge Alan D Albright.(bw) (Entered: 12/18/2020)
02/05/2021	<a href="#">19</a>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Wasif Qureshi <i>for Robert L. Uriarte</i> ( Filing fee \$ 100 receipt number 0542-14460712) by on behalf of Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 02/05/2021)
02/08/2021		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">19</a> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Robert L. Uriarte for Howard Midstream Energy Partners. Before the Court is the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, finds it should be GRANTED and therefore orders as follows: IT IS ORDERED the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice is GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant, if he/she has not already done so, shall immediately tender the amount of \$100.00, made payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, in compliance with Local Rule AT-I (f)(2). Pursuant to our Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing, the attorney hereby granted to practice pro hac vice in this case must register for electronic filing with our court within 10 days of this order entered by Judge Alan D Albright. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (mm6) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/12/2021	<a href="#">20</a>	Standing Order Regarding Filing Documents Under Seal and Redacted Pleadings in Patent Cases. Signed by Judge Alan D Albright. as of 2/12/2021. (bot1) (Entered: 02/24/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">21</a>	BRIEF by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit C, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit D, # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit E, # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit F, # <a href="#">7</a> Exhibit G, # <a href="#">8</a> Exhibit H)(Williams, Fred) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/30/2021	<a href="#">22</a>	RESPONSE [ <i>Defendants' Responsive Claim Construction Brief</i> ] to <a href="#">21</a> Brief by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Affidavit Declaration of Robert L. Uriarte ISO of Defs' Responsive Claims Construction Brief, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit Ex. 1, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit Ex. 2, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit Ex. 3, # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit Ex. 4, # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit Ex. 5, # <a href="#">7</a> Exhibit Ex. 6, # <a href="#">8</a> Exhibit Ex. 7, # <a href="#">9</a> Exhibit Ex. 8, # <a href="#">10</a> Exhibit Ex. 9, # <a href="#">11</a> Exhibit Ex. 10, # <a href="#">12</a> Exhibit Ex. 11, # <a href="#">13</a> Exhibit Ex. 12, # <a href="#">14</a> Exhibit Ex. 13, # <a href="#">15</a> Exhibit Ex. 14, # <a href="#">16</a> Exhibit Ex. 15, # <a href="#">17</a> Exhibit Ex. 16, # <a href="#">18</a> Exhibit Ex. 17)(Uriarte, Robert) (Entered: 03/30/2021)
04/14/2021	<a href="#">23</a>	Unopposed MOTION to <i>Modify Scheduling Order</i> by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A)(Williams, Fred) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<a href="#">24</a>	BRIEF regarding <a href="#">22</a> Response,, by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A)(Williams, Fred) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/15/2021	<a href="#">25</a>	SCHEDULING ORDER: Markman Hearing set for 5/14/2021 09:00 AM before Judge Alan D Albright. Joinder of Parties due by 6/25/2021. Amended Pleadings due by 9/3/2021. Dispositive Motions due by 1/31/2022. Pretrial Conference set for 4/1/2022 before Judge Alan D Albright. Jury Selection and Trial set for 4/11/2022 before Judge Alan D Albright. Signed by Judge Alan D Albright. (bw) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/21/2021	<a href="#">26</a>	Unopposed MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Ennis, Chad) (Entered: 04/21/2021)
04/22/2021		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">26</a> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney entered by Judge Alan D Albright. COMES NOW Plaintiff Estech Systems, Inc.s (Estech) Unopposed Motion for Withdrawal of Chad Ennis as Counsel. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, finds that the Motion should be, and hereby is, GRANTED. It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Chad Ennis of Williams Simons & Landis PLLC be withdrawn as an attorney of record for Estech. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (ep4) (Entered: 04/22/2021)
04/27/2021	<a href="#">27</a>	BRIEF regarding <a href="#">22</a> Response,, <a href="#">21</a> Brief by Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit 1)(Uriarte, Robert) (Entered: 04/27/2021)
04/28/2021	<a href="#">28</a>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Wasif Qureshi ( <i>for Clement Seth Roberts</i> ) ( Filing fee \$ 100 receipt number 0542-14744768) by on behalf of Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
04/29/2021	<a href="#">29</a>	NOTICE <i>Joint Claim Construction Statement</i> by Estech Systems, Inc. (Williams, Fred) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
05/06/2021	<a href="#">30</a>	ORDER Setting Zoom Markman Hearing for 5/14/2021 03:30 PM before Judge Alan D Albright. Signed by Judge Alan D Albright. (bot1) (Entered: 05/06/2021)
05/11/2021		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">28</a> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice for Attorney Clement Seth Roberts for Howard Midstream Energy Partners. Before the Court is the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, finds it should be GRANTED and therefore orders as follows: IT IS ORDERED the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice is GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant, if he/she has not already done so, shall immediately tender the amount of \$100.00, made payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, in compliance with Local Rule AT-I (f)(2). Pursuant to our Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing, the attorney hereby granted to practice

		Alan D Albright. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (mm6) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	<a href="#">31</a>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Wasif Qureshi ( <i>for Applicant Kristina DiBenedetto McKenna</i> ) ( Filing fee \$ 100 receipt number 0542-14792320) by on behalf of Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	<a href="#">32</a>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Wasif Qureshi ( <i>for Applicant Li Shen</i> ) ( Filing fee \$ 100 receipt number 0542-14792356) by on behalf of Howard Midstream Energy Partners. (Qureshi, Wasif) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">31</a> & <a href="#">32</a> Motions to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Before the Court are the Motions for Admission Pro Hac Vice. The Court, having reviewed the Motions, finds they should be GRANTED and therefore orders as follows: IT IS ORDERED the Motions for Admission Pro Hac Vice are GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicants, if he/she has not already done so, shall immediately tender the amount of \$100.00, made payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, in compliance with Local Rule AT-I (f)(2). Pursuant to our Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing, the attorneys hereby granted to practice pro hac vice in this case must register for electronic filing with our court within 10 days of this order entered by Judge Alan D Albright. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (ep4) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/14/2021	<a href="#">33</a>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Alan D Albright: Markman Hearing held on 5/14/2021. Case called for Markman Hearing for this case and 3 companion cases. After hearing arguments from both sides regarding claim term disputes the Court maintained it's construction on the first term and adopted the plain and ordinary meaning of terms 2 and 3 and on term 4 the Court found that the Plaintiff's construction was correct and will adopt a change. The constructions will be issued by a written Order. Court verified that there has been a jury trial date of April 11, 2022. (Minute entry documents are not available electronically). (Court Reporter Kristie Davis). (bot2) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
06/11/2021	<a href="#">34</a>	Unopposed MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Estech Systems, Inc.. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order)(Hardt, Jonathan) (Entered: 06/11/2021)
06/14/2021		Text Order GRANTING <a href="#">34</a> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney entered by Judge Alan D Albright. COME NOW Plaintiff Estech Systems, Inc.s (Estech) Unopposed Motion for Withdrawal of Jonathan L. Hardt as Counsel. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, finds that the Motion should be, and hereby is, GRANTED. It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Jonathan L. Hardt bewithdrawn as an attorney of record for Estech. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (ep4) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/16/2021	<a href="#">35</a>	Standing Order regarding Scheduling Order. Signed by Judge Alan D Albright. (Entered: 06/17/2021)
07/06/2021		Notice of Correction: Order on 7/6/21 was entered in error and has been removed. (lad) (Entered: 07/07/2021)

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