IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

ECOFACTOR, INC.,

Plaintiff,

LEAD CASE: W-21-CV-00428-ADA

WEMBER CASE: W-20-CV-00078
ADA

ECOBEE.,

Defendant.

CLAIM CONSTRUCTION ORDER

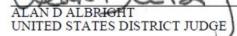
Before the Court are the Parties' claim construction briefs in W-21-CV-00428: Defendant ecobee's ("ecobee") Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 26), Plaintiff EcoFactor, Inc.'s ("EcoFactor") Response to Defendant's Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 27), Defendant's Reply in Support of its Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 29), Plaintiff's Sur-Reply in Response to Defendant's Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 32), and the Joint Claim Construction Statement (ECF No. 34). The Court provided the parties with its Preliminary Claim Constructions, and on March 22, 2022, the Court held a *Markman* hearing.

Before the Court are the Parties' claim construction briefs in W-20-CV-0078: Ecobee's Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 32), EcoFactor's Opening Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 33), Plaintiff's Responsive Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 34), Defendant's Responsive Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 35), Defendant's Reply Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 36), Plaintiff's Reply Claim Construction Brief (ECF No. 37), and the Joint Claim Construction Statement (ECF No. 38). The Court provided the parties with its Preliminary Claim Constructions, and on December 9, 2020, the Court held a *Markman* hearing.



The Court issues this Order to memorialize the Court's final claim construction rulings for the parties in both cases, and to inform the parties that the Court plans to issue a more-detailed Order explaining its analysis in due course.

SIGNED this 10th day of May, 2023.



I. **AGREED CONSTRUCTIONS - W-20-CV-00078:**

Term	Term	Agreed Construction
No.		
1	"setpoint"	"a temperature setting for a thermostat to achieve or m
	'492 patent claims 1, 8-10, 17, 18	
2	"compare(s)"	"analyze to determine one or more similarities or diffe between"
	'488 patent claims 1, 9;	
	'327 patent claims 1, 11	
3	"measurement of the current outdoor temperature"	"measurement of the outdoor temperature at the preser
	'382 patent claim 5	

DISPUTED CONSTRUCTIONS - W-20-CV-00078: II.

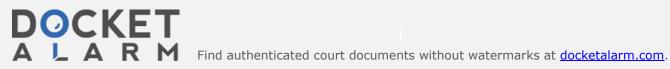
Term	Term	Plaintiff's Proposed	Defendant's Proposed	Court
No.		Construction	Construction	
1	"rate of change in	"the difference between two	"the difference between inside	"the dif
	inside temperature"	inside temperature	temperature measurements	tempera
		measurements over a particular	divided by the span of time	divided
	'488 patent claims 1, 9;	span of time between the	between the measurements (i.e.,	between
	'327 patent claims 1,11	measurements"	$\Delta T/\Delta t$)"	
	"rate of change in temperature inside the [said] structure"			



	'488 patent claims 8,			
	16			
	'327 patent claims 5,			
	15			
2	"measurement[s]" "measurement[s]"; "measurement of outside temperatures"; "temperature measurement inside a structure"; temperature measurements from inside the structure"; "measurement of at least one characteristic of the building"; "measurement of the current outdoor temperature" '488, '327, and '382	Plain and ordinary meaning; no construction necessary.	"determination [of the claimed property] by an instrument by using standardized units"	Plain a
2	patents, all claims	Di i i i		DI :
3	'488 Patent Claims 1 and 9 – Indefiniteness	Plain and ordinary meaning; no construction necessary.	Indefinite due to lack of essential structural connections, under <i>In re Collier</i> , 397 F.2d 1003 (C.C.P.A. 1968), and its progeny.	Plain and Not ind
4	"user interface actions intended to alter a state of one or more of said [networked] electronic devices"	Plain and ordinary meaning; no construction necessary.	"a user intentionally interacting with the device's graphic user interface to alter the device's state and indicate whether the structure is occupied"	Plain a



	'492 patent claims 1,			
5	"receiving [receives] input from said one or more users" '492 patent claims 1,	Plain and ordinary meaning; no construction necessary.	"a user inputting a response to a prompt on the graphic user interface [display] of the one or more networked electronic devices"	Plain as wherein information
	"said input from said one or more users" '492 patent claims 1, 9, 10, 18)			
6	"outside temperature" '488 patent claims 1, 2, 9, 10;	"the temperature at a location outside (or external to) [the structure]"	"the actual temperature at a location outside (or external to) [the structure]"	Plain a
	'327patent claims 1, 2, 11, 12			
7	"programmable thermostat" ('327 patent claims 3, 13)	"thermostat that uses microprocessor-based circuitry to control the switch and operate based upon user determined protocols for temperature vs. time"	"thermostat that uses microprocessor-based circuitry to control the switch and to store and operate based upon user determined protocols for temperature vs. time"	"therm microp to contican be determ temper which is



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