THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

TOUCHSTREAM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

TOUCHSTREAM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, d/b/a XFINITY, et al.,

Defendants.

Lead Case No. 2:23-cv-00059-JRG Member Case No. 2:23-cv-00062-JRG

DEFENDANTS' SUR-REPLY IN OPPOSITION TO TOUCHSTREAM'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF VALIDITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101



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The Asserted Claims are invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for all the reasons outlined in Defendants' briefing on this issue. As Defendants have explained, the claims are directed to the abstract idea of controlling content on a display device using a mobile device and do not include sufficient steps to transform that abstract idea into patent-eligible subject matter. Touchstream has no principled response. It continues to parrot technical-sounding claim language like "controlling presentation of video content on a display device that loads any one of a plurality of different media players," Reply at 1, while ignoring its own assertion that this merely means controlling the playback of a prior art video on a prior art television using prior art software such as YouTube (the "media player"). Additional claim language adds only that the video be controlled from a generic mobile phone by sending generic messages through a generic intermediary server. No alleged improvement to the operation of any of those generic devices or to the network as a whole is claimed or disclosed. Accordingly, the claims are merely the application of an abstract idea using conventional and well-understood components, and the Court should deny Touchstream's Motion and grant Defendants'.

I. THE APPLICABLE LEGAL STANDARD

"[T]he ultimate determination of eligibility under § 101 is a question of law." *Symbology Innovations, LLC v. Dexcom, Inc.*, 2024 WL 3543409, at *2 (E.D. Tex. July 25, 2024) (Gilstrap,

¹ This Motion refers to Plaintiff Touchstream Technologies, Inc.'s Reply in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment of Validity Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (Dkt. 134) as "Reply"; Plaintiff Touchstream Technologies, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment of Validity Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (Dkt. 88) as "Mot."; Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff Touchstream Technologies, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment of Validity Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (Dkt. 121) as "Defendants' Validity Opposition" or "Validity Opp."; and Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (Dkt. 86) as "Defendants' Invalidity Motion" or "Invalidity Mot."; and exhibits to the Declaration of Micayla Hardisty in support of Defendants' Invalidity Motion as "Ex." All other capitalized terms have the meaning given to them in Defendants' Invalidity Motion.



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