

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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OSRAM SYLVANIA INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

JAM STRAIT, INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2014-00703  
Patent 6,786,625 B2

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Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, BART A. GERSTENBLITH,  
JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER  
Conduct of the Proceedings  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.5*

On June 15, 2015, Patent Owner requested a call with the Board to seek authorization to make oral argument telephonically, instead of in person. Counsel for Petitioner and Patent Owner participated in the conference call.

Counsel for Patent Owner stated that the client's financial constraints impede counsel's ability to attend the hearing in person. Counsel for Petitioner indicated that it was planning to attend in person and use demonstratives. Upon discussing the need to minimize any unfair advantage resulting from appearing in person versus telephonically, Patent Owner's counsel indicated that Patent Owner would waive any right to attend in person, and would not object to the oral argument proceeding with only Petitioner's counsel appearing in person.

The parties were ordered to file notices in accordance with the discussion had during the conference call: (1) Patent Owner to file a notice confirming its waiver of in-person attendance; and (2) Petitioner to state whether it would proceed telephonically or in person. Consequently, Patent Owner filed a Notice stating that it "waives its presence at the oral hearing . . . and plans to attend telephonically." Paper 19, 1. Patent Owner also states that it has "no objection to Petitioner's counsel appearing in person." *Id.* Petitioner's Notice states that Petitioner's counsel "will attend oral argument in-person at the scheduled time and place." Paper 20, 1.

Upon consideration of Patent Owner's financial status, its waiver of any right to attend in person, and the assertion that it does not object to Petitioner's attendance in person, we determine that there is good cause to maintain the oral hearing as scheduled with a special accommodation to Patent Owner's counsel for telephonic attendance.

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It is hereby,

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Lead Counsel or Backup Counsel shall contact the Board at 571-272-9797 to obtain the audio bridge information for the oral argument scheduled on June 18, 2015;

FURTHER ORDERED that no other counsel or party is authorized to use the audio bridge to attend the oral argument; and

FURTHER ORDERED that, except as noted above, the Order setting the oral argument entered on May 22, 2015, remains in effect.

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