

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

IGT,
Patent Owner,

Case IPR2016-00491
Patent 6,932,701

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, MICHAEL W. KIM, and RICHARD E. RICE,
Administrative Patent Judges.

KIM, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Conduct of Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

On August 10, 2016, counsel for Patent Owner e-mailed the Board to present a proposal to adjust the due dates in the Scheduling Order. Counsel for Patent Owner indicated further that “Petitioner, Aristocrat, currently does not join in our proposal.” Among the proposed due dates, counsel for Patent Owner proposed moving Due Date 7 to March 20, 2017 from its original date of January 26, 2017.

Counsel for Patent Owner has requested to adjust the due dates relatively early during the trial period. The Board is also cognizant that the current Due Date 7 was originally set to coincide with the hearing date for several related cases for which trial had already been instituted, and that the Scheduling Order was not provided to the parties until after the mailing of the Decision to Institute. Accordingly, on these facts, the panel has conferred, and is available for an oral hearing on March 6, 2017.

It is ORDERED that parties are to confer concerning a proposed modified schedule for this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is authorized to file a three page paper to propose and support a modified schedule by August 17, 2016;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is authorized to optionally file a three page reply by August 23, 2016 limited to proposing and supporting alternatives for those dates on which it does not agree with those proposed by Patent Owner; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the only currently available alternative date for Due Date 7 is March 6, 2017. Should either party have a conflict with that date, the parties must provide at least three other dates for Due Date 7 that are no later than March 6, 2017.

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