

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CHEGG, INC., MATCH GROUP, LLC, AND RPX CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

NETSOC, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-01165 (Patent 9,978,107 B2)
IPR2019-01171 (Patent 9,978,107 B2)

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, SHEILA F. McSHANE, and
STEVEN M. AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

DECISION
Decision on Remand Dismissing Petitions
37 C.F.R. § 42.72

IPR2019-01165 (Patent 9,978,107 B2)
IPR2019-01171 (Patent 9,978,107 B2)

In December 2020, we issued a Final Written Decision in IPR2019-01165 and a Final Written Decision in IPR2019-01171, determining in each proceeding that Petitioner had shown by a preponderance of the evidence that all claims in U.S. Patent No. 9,978,107 B2 (“the ’107 patent”) are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). IPR2019-01165, Paper 33; IPR2019-01171, Paper 39.

In February 2021, Patent Owner filed a Notice of Appeal to the Federal Circuit in each proceeding. IPR2019-01165, Paper 36; IPR2019-01171, Paper 41.

On December 31, 2020, the Federal Circuit affirmed a district court’s decision that all claims in the ’107 patent are directed to patent-ineligible subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. *See NetSoc, LLC v. Match Group, LLC*, 838 F. App’x 544, 550 (Fed. Cir. 2020), *cert. denied*, 2021 WL 2405174, at *1 (June 14, 2021).

On appeal from these proceedings, the Federal Circuit determined that the appeals are moot in light of the intervening decision in *NetSoc* and vacated the Final Written Decision in each proceeding. *NetSoc, LLC v. Chegg Inc.*, 21-1619, Dkt. No. 24 (Fed. Cir. Dec. 7. 2021), at 2. Additionally, the Federal Circuit remanded with instructions to dismiss. *Id.*

As instructed by the Federal Circuit, we dismiss the Petition in IPR2019-01165 and dismiss the Petition in IPR2019-01171. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Petition in IPR2019-01165 is dismissed; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition in IPR2019-01171 is dismissed.

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