

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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AMAZON.COM, INC., AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC., and  
AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC,  
Petitioner

v.

ALMONDNET, INC.,  
Patent Owner

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*Inter Partes* Review Case No. IPR2025-00545  
U.S. Patent No. 8,494,904

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**JOINT REQUEST TO TREAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74, and the Board’s email of April 16, 2026, Petitioners Amazon.com Inc., Amazon Web Services, Inc. and Amazon.com Services LLC (collectively, “Amazon”) and Patent Owner AlmondNet, Inc. (“AlmondNet”) (collectively, the “Settling Parties”) have reached a settlement and jointly move to terminate the above-captioned proceeding. As permitted by statute, Amazon and AlmondNet request that the Board treat as business confidential information the true and complete copy of the Settlement Agreement between the parties. A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement is included as Confidential Exhibit 1022.

35 U.S.C. § 317(b) provides that:

At the request of a party to the proceeding, the agreement or understanding shall be treated as business confidential information, shall be kept separate from the file of the involved patents, and shall be made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause.

Likewise, 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) provides that:

A party to a settlement may request that the settlement be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the files of an involved patent or application. The request must be filed with the settlement. If a timely request is filed, the settlement shall only be available:

- (1) To a Government agency on written request to the Board; or
- (2) To any other person upon written request to the Board to make the settlement agreement available, along with the fee specified in § 42.15(d) and on a showing of good cause.

This request, which is being filed with the Settlement Agreement, is timely and in accordance with that authority. Therefore, the Settling Parties request that the Settlement Agreement (Confidential Exhibit 1022) (i) be treated as business confidential information, (ii) be maintained separate from the publicly available file of the involved patent, and (iii) shall be made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to persons showing good cause on written request, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

Both parties also respectfully request that the Board inform them if anyone seeks production of the agreement and afford the parties an opportunity to address whether such request is supported by good cause.

Dated: April 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE ON PATENT OWNER**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6, the undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Confidential Business Information** was served on Patent Owner's lead and back-up counsel in its entirety by electronic service at the following email addresses:

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