

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

QPRIVACY USA LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00837
U.S. Patent No. 11,106,824

**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND
OF POST-INSTITUTION FEES**

Petitioner Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Petitioner") hereby files its request for a refund of post-institution fees in the amount of \$28,125.00 which was previously paid. On April 10, 2025, Petitioner filed a Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 11,106,824 and as required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), paid the USPTO a total of \$51,875.00, which included a \$23,750.00 payment for the *inter partes* review request fee, and a \$28,125.00 payment for the post-institution fee for up to twenty (20) claims.

On July 14, 2025, Patent Owner's Discretionary Denial Brief (Paper 8) was filed and on August 12, 2025, Petitioner filed Petitioner's Opposition to Patent Owner's Request for Discretionary Denial (Paper 9). Then on August 29, 2025, the Board issued a Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review (Paper 11). The Petitioner on September 29, 2025 filed a Request for Rehearing of Decision on Institution (Paper 12) and on October 31, 2025, the Board issued an Order Denying Petitioner's Request for Rehearing (Paper 13). Accordingly, the *inter partes* review was never instituted.

Therefore, because the petition to institute *inter partes* review was filed after March 19, 2013, and the proceeding did not institute, Petitioner is entitled to request a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid. *See, e.g.*, 78 FR 4233 (Jan. 18, 2013) ("The entire post-institution fee would be returned to the petitioner if the Office does not institute a review.").

Petitioner hereby requests a refund of the \$28,125.00 post-institution fees previously paid by Petitioner. The refund may be deposited in Deposit Account No.08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP under attorney reference number 43614.482US01.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the Patent Owner as detailed below:

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