

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TESLA, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

GRANITE VEHICLE VENTURES LLC,
Patent Owner

Inter Partes Review Case No. IPR2025-01035
U.S. Patent No. 12,037,004
(Claims 10-24, 27)

**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR REFUND
OF IPR REQUEST FEE**

Tesla, Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a petition for *Inter Partes* Review of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 12,037,004 on May 28, 2025 (Paper No. 1). At the time of filing, Petitioner submitted a fee of \$51,875.00, consisting of a \$23,750.00 *inter partes* review request fee and a \$28,125.00 *inter partes* review post-institution fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a). On September 26, 2025, the Director denied institution of the *inter partes* review (Paper No. 13). On November 24, 2025, Petitioner submitted a request for a refund of its post-institution fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(b) (Paper No. 15). The Board granted Petitioner’s refund request on November 26, 2025. (Paper No. 16).

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Office also refund the *Inter Partes* Review request fee of \$23,750. Similar to *Microsoft*, this refund is requested because this proceeding was discretionarily denied and was therefore never referred to the Board on the merits. *See Microsoft Corp. v. Dialect, LLC*, IPR2025-00659, Paper No. 14 (PTAB Dec. 1, 2025) (refunding Petitioner’s post-institution and request fees after discretionary denial).

Petitioner requests that the requested refund in the amount of \$23,750.00 be issued to the deposit account of record: Deposit Account No. 50-6159.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON PATENT OWNER
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.105(a)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that on December 4, 2025 the foregoing *Petitioner's Request for Refund of IPR Request Fee* was served via electronic filing with the Board and via Electronic Mail on the following counsel of record for Patent Owner:

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