

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
Petitioner,

v.

BIRCHTECH CORPORATION,  
Patent Owner.

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Case: IPR2025-01117  
Patent 10,596,517

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

Union Electric Company (“Petitioner”) filed a petition for *Inter Partes* review of Claims 1-15 and 17-30 (29 claims total) of U.S. Patent No. 10,596,517 on June 6, 2025 (Paper No. 1). At the time of filing, Petitioner submitted a fee of \$64,565 consisting of a \$27,980 *inter partes* review request fee and a \$36,585 post-institution fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a).

On October 31, 2025, the Director denied institution of *inter partes* review (Paper No. 19). On January 26, 2026, the Director issued an order denying director review of the institution decision (Paper No. 24). In view of the Director’s decisions, Petitioner respectfully requests a refund of the post-institution fee of \$36,585.00 that was submitted with its initial petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(b). Petitioner requests that the refund be deposited in Deposit Account No. 500975.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that on this 27th day of March, 2026, a copy of the foregoing document was served via electronic mail, as consented to by Patent Owner, upon the following counsel of record:

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