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Patent Owner is authorized to file a 3-page reply in PGR2025-00084, due no later than Monday, January 12, 2026, limited to addressing the arguments raised below. Petitioner is authorized a 3-page sur-reply, due no later than Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

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Dear Honorable Director Squires,

Patent Owner seeks authorization for a three-page reply to Petitioner's Discretionary Denial Opposition Brief to address Petitioner's unforeseen and late-offered arguments regarding PGR-eligibility and the appropriateness of filing a continuation application from a divisional application during prosecution.

Petitioner opposes Patent Owner's request for authorization to file a reply. The arguments challenged by Patent Owner were properly responsive to the issues Patent Owner itself raised in seeking discretionary denial and were reasonably foreseeable. Accordingly, no additional briefing is warranted. If, however, the Director is inclined to authorize a reply, Petitioner respectfully requests authorization to file a sur-reply of equal length.

The parties are available the following times (all ET) for a conference call, should one be required.

- Thursday, January 8
  - 4 pm – 5 pm
- Friday, January 9
  - 9 am – 4 pm
- Monday, January 12
  - 9 am – 12 pm
  - 1 pm – 5 pm

Regards,  
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