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Counsel,

The deadline to request Director Review of the decision denying institution in the above-identified proceedings is May 1, 2026. A party may request authorization to supplement its request for Director Review after an opinion issues, if necessary.

Thank you.

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Dear Director,

Petitioner respectfully requests clarification regarding the deadline for requesting Director Review of the April 1, 2026 Decision discretionarily denying institution of IIPR2026-00171, IPR2026-00172, and IPR2026-00173.

The April 1, 2026 Decision indicates that an Opinion is forthcoming for these proceedings. Petitioner seeks confirmation whether that forthcoming Opinion will affect the 30-day deadline of May 1, 2026 for requesting Director Review under 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.71(d)(2) and 42.75(c).

Respectfully submitted,
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