

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

RESIDEO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and
CENTRAL SECURITY GROUP – NATIONWIDE, INC.,¹
Petitioner,

v.

UBIQUITOUS CONNECTIVITY, LP.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-01335 (Patent 8,064,935 B2)
IPR2019-01336 (Patent 9,602,655 B2)²

Before JEAN R. HOMERE, JOHN F. HORVATH, and
MELISSA A. HAAPALA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HORVATH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's
Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ Central Security Group – Nationwide, Inc., who filed petitions in IPR2019-01609 and IPR2019-01610 has been joined as a petitioner, respectively, to IPR2019-01335 and IPR2019-01336.

² This Order applies to each of the listed cases. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be docketed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this caption for any subsequent papers.

On March 24, 2020, with our prior authorization, current counsel for Ubiquitous Connectivity, LP (“Patent Owner”) filed unopposed motions to withdraw as counsel for Patent Owner in each of the cases captioned above. Paper 12, 1–2.³ Patent Owner indicates that “[u]pon grant of this motion, new counsel for Patent Owner will promptly file Amended Patent Owner’s Mandatory Notices and a Substitute Power of Attorney.” *Id.* at 2.

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one backup counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Notwithstanding Patent Owner’s representations that it will file a power of attorney for substitute counsel Cortney S. Alexander and Daniel A. Kent, no power of attorney for substitute counsel has been filed. James D. Stein and Andrew G. Strickland, and any other attorneys currently designated as counsel for Patent Owner under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), will remain of record until new lead and backup counsel are identified by an appropriate power of attorney. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b).

Under these circumstances, we conditionally grant Patent Owner’s Motion. James D. Stein and Andrew G. Strickland will be authorized to withdraw as counsel effective upon Patent Owner’s filing of a power of attorney identifying substitute counsel.

³ Unless indicated otherwise, we refer to the papers filed in IPR2019-01335. Similar papers were filed in IPR2019-01336 and, per our instructions, copies were filed in IPR2019-01609 and IPR2019-01610. This Order applies equally in each of these cases.

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In consideration of the foregoing, it is:

ORDERED that the Patent Owner's Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel is *conditionally granted*, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead and backup counsel; and

FURTHER ORDERED that James D. Stein and Andrew G. Strickland shall be withdrawn from this proceeding, effective upon Patent Owner's filing of a power of attorney and updated mandatory notices identifying new lead and backup counsel.

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