UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91177807

7-Eleven, Inc.

v.

Susan B. Bucenell

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Proceedings herein are **SUSPENDED** pending disposition of opposer's motion to compel (filed May 5, 2008), except as discussed below. The parties should not file any paper that is not germane to the motion to compel. *See* Trademark Rule 2.120(e)(2).

This suspension order does **not** toll the time for either party to respond to discovery requests which had been duly served prior to the filing and service of the motion to compel, or to appear for a discovery deposition which had been duly noticed prior to the filing and service of the motion to compel. *See Id.* The motion to compel will be decided in due course.

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NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice,

various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm