

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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MBA

Mailed: July 9, 2008

Cancellation No. 92045648

Fremantlemedia North
America, Inc.

v.

Idol Writer, LLC by
assignment from, and
substituted for, Britt
Ventures, Inc.

Michael B. Adlin, Interlocutory Attorney:

Petitioner's consent motion for extension, filed July 8, 2008, is granted. Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Dates are reset in accordance with the consent motion.

The parties should be aware that the Board does not recognize "potential counsel." Respondent is proceeding pro se. Should the situation change, the Board must be informed.

In addition, the consent motion is not, in any manner, "in lieu of a motion to compel." The requirements for a motion to compel are set forth in Trademark Rule 2.120(e).

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

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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>
