On Monday, July 11th, 2016 the new Patent Trial Appeal Board End-2-End **(PTAB E2E)** next generation electronic filing system was launched for the following AIA Trial types:

- Inter Partes Review (IPR),
- Post Grant Review (PGR), and
- Covered Business Method Patent Review (CBM).

This notice covers PTAB E2E for those three AIA trial types. For the time being, Derivation (DER) filings should continue to be made using the Patent Review Processing System (PRPS). Derivations will migrate to PTAB E2E at a later date.

Top PTAB E2E Tips for Users:

1. Accessing PTAB E2E:

PTAB E2E is a web application that is accessible at the following web address: https://ptab.uspto.gov. Currently, Google Chrome is the recommended browser for accessing PTAB E2E. We recognize that for complex cases containing many documents, it may take longer to load these cases in PTAB E2E and may require the user to click 'Wait' to continue and complete loading. This performance lag is being addressed in a future release.

2. Logging In:

Your PRPS login ID will NOT work with the new PTAB E2E system. PTAB E2E requires a Username that is an **E-mail Address**.

If you were a previous PRPS user, the first time you log into PTAB E2E you will need to enter the e-mail address associated with your PRPS account and then select "Forgot Password" and proceed through the subsequent screens to request a temporary password. PTAB E2E will send an e-mail to the entered e-mail address with instructions to change your password immediately.
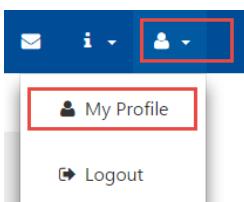
Please note that it can take up to 20 minutes to receive this email. Once you have logged in using your e-mail address and the temporary password; select the 'person' icon shown here, then select the "My Profile" option to change the password.

New users will should use the "Create an account" option from the Log In screen to set up a new account.

Note – *passwords will need to be changed every 60 days for security purposes.*

3. **Opening a Document:**
    PTAB E2E uses 'Pop Up' windows to facilitate opening (downloading) documents. If you have your 'pop up blocker' enabled, it will block PTAB E2E from opening documents and you will need to allow PTAB E2E to open pop ups. Instructions for disabling the pop up blocker in Google Chrome can be found here https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95472?hl=en

    Within the AIA Review page, selecting the title of the document will open the document in a new tab. If you receive a message stating that the document has been downloaded, this message is an indicator that you need to disable the browser's pop-up blocker settings to allow uspto.gov to send pop-ups.

4. **Uploading Documents – Selecting the Correct Paper Type**
    The initial release of PTAB E2E does not include all possible types of filings. When you are uploading a document, if you are not able to find the appropriate paper type from the drop down menu, select the most reasonable paper type from the dropdown list, input the correct information in the Paper Name field and upload the document. Then send an email to PTABE2EAdmin@uspto.gov with the AIA Review number (if known), the paper number, and the correct paper type. The PTAB administrator will make the correction and send a response back letting you know that this change has been completed. The listing of paper types in the drop down menu will be expanded in a future release of PTAB E2E.

5. **Filing a Motion**

    Previously in PRPS, motions were just a type of document that was uploaded. PTAB E2E requires the user to enter additional metadata for submitted motions (e.g., motion status among others). In order to file a Motion in PTAB E2E, users should select "File a Motion" under AIA Review Actions on the AIA Review page. Motion documents should be uploaded within the File a Motion view, not from the Documents tab (pencil edit).
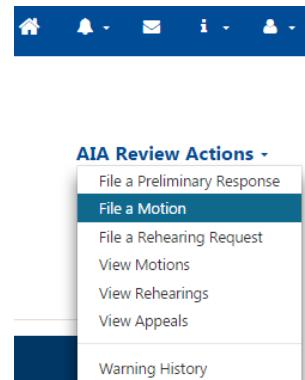
6. **Patent Owner Participation**
    When entering an Appearance as Patent Owner the wizard incorrectly interchanges the labels "Enter Appearance" and "Mandatory Notice." This wizard should be used for the Patent Owner to respond to the petition.

    When user selects "Enter Appearance as Patent Owner," the add button, in the Real Party section, is incorrectly labeled as "Add Petitioner" and also labels the patent owner documents as "petition documents."

    Upon submission of "Enter Appearance As Patent Owner", the certification prompt for Patent Owner incorrectly states that a Power Of Attorney needs to be filed with each document submission. Additional Power of Attorney is only necessary if a new counsel has not been included on a previously filed Power of Attorney

7. Updates to PTAB E2E

PTAB E2E is being developed under an iterative approach that will allow the USPTO to respond quickly to feedback, resolve issues, and provide incremental updates to PTAB E2E. Deployments typically happen between12:01am and 5:00am ET Saturday morning; but may vary based on other USPTO deployment activities. Information regarding future deployments will be maintained on the PTAB E2E information web site.

8. Downloading Bulk Data

The USPTO will be deploying a service that will extend bulk/API data download capabilities to data that is part of PTAB E2E. PTAB E2E data is planned for deployment within this system in late July to Mid August, 2016. More information will be made available on the PTAB E2E information web site once this effort is finalized.

9. Reporting Feedback, Issues, Bugs

To send in any questions or feedback, and to report any issues using the system or bugs to the USPTO, send an email to PTABE2EAdmin@uspto.gov; or call PTAB AIA Trials at 571-272-7822.

Informational Webinar:

The USPTO will conduct an informational Webinar on July 27th at noon to provide more information and answer any questions about PTAB E2E. Interested parties can use this link to join the session. Please send any questions to PTABE2EAdmin@uspto.gov with a subject line of "Question(s) for Webinar." Additional questions can be submitted during the Webinar using the chat function.

Useful Links:

PTAB E2E Link:	https://ptab.uspto.gov *(Chrome browser recommended)*
PTAB E2E General Information: FAQs, Known Issues, Upcoming…	http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/patent-trial-and-appeal-board/patent-trial-and-appeal-board-end-end-ptab
PTAB E2E User guides:	http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/patent-trial-and-appeal-board/ptab-e2e-external-user-guides
PTAB E2E Admin mailbox:	PTABE2EADMIN@USPTO.GOV
PTAB AIA Trial phone:	571-272-7822