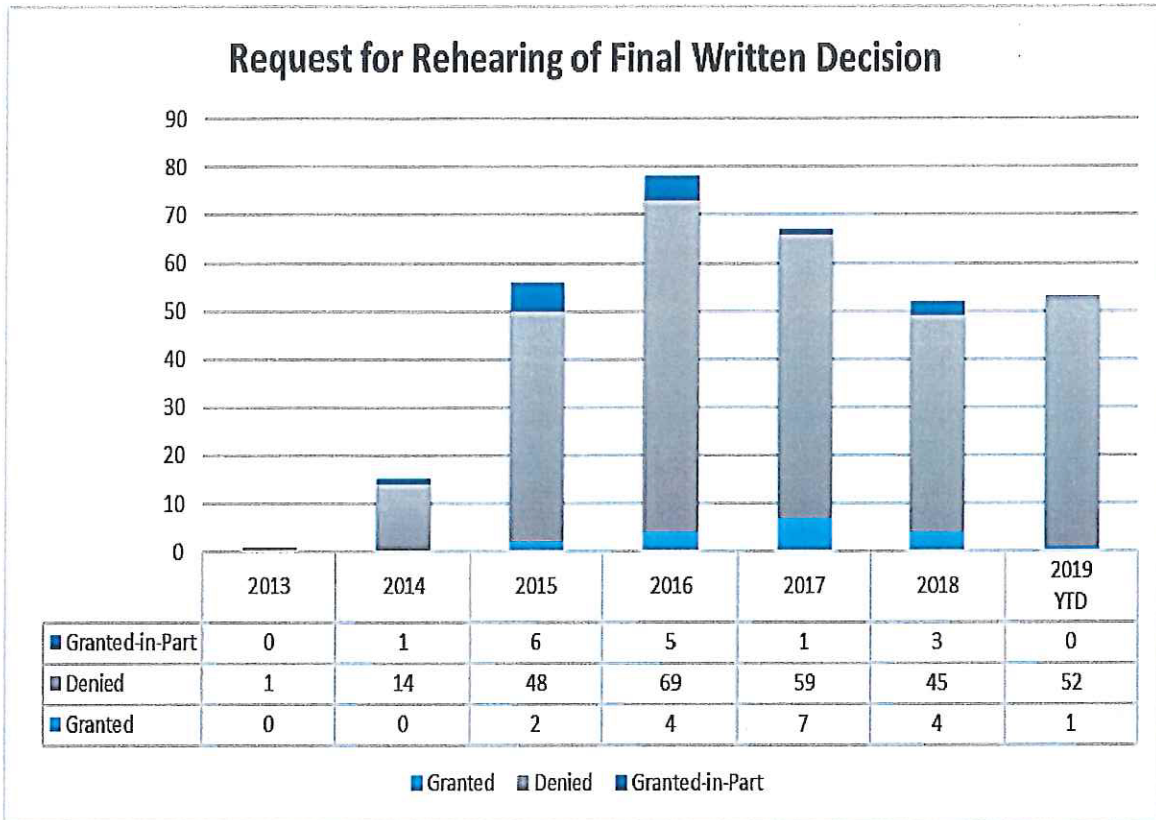


IET Requests a Rehearing at PTAB

Tuesday afternoon, February 16, 2021, IET files a request for rehearing at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. The odds are against them as the following graphic shows.



In all of 2019, only a single such request was granted.

Notably, the PTAB found it unnecessary to even address 7 out of the 9 grounds of unpatentability raised by RPI—finding that the combination of Orolin, Vance, and/or Liskowitz was sufficient to cancel all 18 claims of the ‘709 Patent. But even beyond the 9 grounds raised by RPI, and the reasons for unpatentability that the PTAB set forth in its Final Written Decision, RPI has clear and convincing evidence that Scott Noland, its President, invented the method of injecting ZVI and a carbon source (i.e., molasses) into groundwater to dechlorinate chlorinated hydrocarbons well before Mr. Scalzi’s alleged invention. So, IET’s alleged invention is also invalid because it was in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States.

RPI will continue to defend its right to sell and its customer’s right to use RPI’s CAT 100 without any further harassment from IET/Provectus/Scalzi. If IET threatens any customer or potential customer of RPI, RPI will take appropriate legal action as it has done so far and will pursue its attorneys’ fees and costs as allowed by law from IET/Provectus/Scalzi.