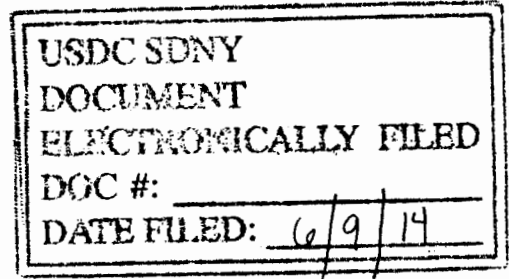


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**



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RATES TECHNOLOGY INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

**BROADVOX HOLDING COMPANY,
LLC, CYPRESS COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATING COMPANY, LCC, AND
ABC COMPANIES, 1 TO 10,**

Defendants.
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ORDER

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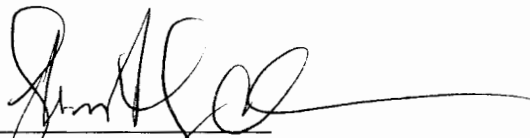
SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN, U.S.D.J.:

On April 12, 2013, the Court ordered Rates Technology, Inc. (“Rates”) to “produce by May 10, 2013 . . . all the documents that have been served or filed in the prior litigations relating to the patents-in-suit.”¹ Because Rates failed to comply with the April 12, 2013 Order, Broadvox Holding Company was forced to serve four third-party subpoenas on Rates’s former counsel, Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid, P.C. (“LARY”). Rates is hereby ordered to reimburse LARY’s costs and expenses in responding to the subpoenas.

¹ 4/12/13 Pre-Trial Scheduling Order 1 (Doc. No. 41).

In addition, on March 4, 2014, the Court granted the request of Springut Law P.C. to withdraw as Rates's counsel. Rates was given until April 4, 2014 to obtain new counsel. At Rates's request, the Court extended the deadline to April 28, 2014. On May 8, 2014, the Court extended the deadline yet again to June 6, 2014. As of June 6, 2014, Rates has failed to obtain new counsel. Because corporations may not appear pro se in the Southern District of New York, this case is dismissed.² The Clerk of the Court is directed to close this case.

SO ORDERED:



Shira A. Scheindlin
U.S.D.J.

Dated: New York, New York
June 9, 2014

² See United States District Court for the Southern District of New York website (http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/courtrules_prose.php) (“[C]orporations and partnerships must be represented by an attorney.”).

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