

Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total postage cost for this collection is 15,124 per year.

There is also annual nonhour cost burden in the way of filing fees associated with this collection. The petitions to cancel and the notices of

opposition and appeal have filing fees. There are no filing fees for the remaining items in the collection. The filing fees for the petitions to cancel, notices of opposition, and notices of appeal are per class of goods and services in the subject application or

registration; therefore the total filing fees can vary depending on the number of classes. The total filing fees of 2,438,100.00 shown here are the minimum fees associated with this information collection.

Item	Responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (a × b) (c)
Petition to Cancel .....	77	\$300.00	\$23,100.00
Electronic Petition to Cancel .....	1,500	300.00	450,000.00
Notice of Opposition .....	140	300.00	42,000.00
Electronic Notice of Opposition .....	5,500	300.00	1,650,000.00
Extension of Time to File an Opposition .....	70	0.00	0.00
Electronic Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition .....	17,000	0.00	0.00
Papers in Inter Partes Cases .....	3,100	0.00	0.00
• Answers			
• Amendments to Pleadings			
• Amendment of Application or Registration During Proceeding			
• Motions (such as consent motions, motions to extend, motions to suspend, etc.)			
• Evidence			
• Briefs			
• Surrender of Registration			
• Abandonment of Application			
• Documents Related to Concurrent Use Applications			
• Notice of Intent to Appeal a TTAB decision			
Electronic Papers in Inter Partes Cases .....	37,000	0.00	0.00
• Answers			
• Amendments to Pleadings			
• Amendment of Application or Registration During Proceeding			
• Motions (such as consent motions, motions to extend, motions to suspend, etc.)			
• Evidence			
• Briefs			
• Surrender of Registration			
• Abandonment of Application			
• Documents Related to Concurrent Use Applications			
• Notice of Intent to Appeal a TTAB Decision			
Notice of Appeal (Ex parte) .....	130	100.00	13,000.00
Electronic Notice of Appeal (Ex parte) .....	2,600	100.00	260,000.00
Miscellaneous Ex Parte Papers .....	2,400	0.00	0.00
Electronic Miscellaneous Ex Parte Papers .....	6,500	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>76,017</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>2,438,100.00</b>

The USPTO estimates that the total (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage costs and filing fees, is 2,453,224 per year.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: November 8, 2013.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**  
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Actions (Formerly Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) Actions)**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this revision of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 13, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0063 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Linda Horner, Acting Vice Chief Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-9797; or by email to [linda.horner@uspto.gov](mailto:linda.horner@uspto.gov). Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB or Board) is established by statute under 35 U.S.C. 6. This statute directs that PTAB "shall on written appeal of an applicant, review adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patent and shall determine priority and patentability of invention in interferences." PTAB has the authority, under pre-AIA sections of the Patent Act, i.e., 35 U.S.C. 134, 135, 306, and 315, to decide ex parte and inter partes appeals and interferences. In addition, 35 U.S.C. 6 establishes the membership of PTAB as the Director, the Deputy Director, the Commissioner for Patents, the Commissioner for Trademarks, and the Administrative Patent Judges. Each appeal and interference is decided by a merits panel of at least three members of the Board.

Two of the Board's responsibilities under the statute include the review of ex parte appeals from adverse decisions of examiners in those situations where a written appeal is taken by a dissatisfied applicant, and the administration of interferences to "determine priority" (or decide who is the first inventor) whenever an applicant claims the same patentable invention that is already claimed by another applicant or patentee. In inter partes reexamination appeals, PTAB reviews examiner's decisions adverse to a patent owner or a third-party requestor.

PTAB's opinions and decisions for publicly available files are published on the USPTO Web site.

There are no forms associated with these items. However, they are governed by rules in Part 41. Failure to comply with the appropriate rule may result in dismissal of the appeal or denial of entry of the paper.

The USPTO is adding an existing information requirement, the Petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge, into this information collection. This requirement is currently covered under information collection 0651-0072 America Invents Act Section 10 Patent Fee Adjustments. At the time of the publication of the USPTO rulemaking, "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees" (RIN 0651-AC54), the petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge were not covered by any existing information collection request, so it was included in the 0651-0072 submission because the fee associated with this petition was affected by the rulemaking. As part of this renewal, the USPTO is moving this information requirement into this collection because it is associated with the activities covered by this collection. However, only the information requirement and the non-fee burden for the petitions will be moved into 0651-0063. The fee will remain in 0651-0072.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, hand delivery, or facsimile when an applicant files a brief, petition,

amendment, or request. These papers can also be filed as attachments through EFS-Web.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-0063.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for profits, non-profit institutions, and the Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 34,537 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that approximately 25% (8,634) of these responses will be from small entities. The USPTO also estimates that approximately 93% (32,119) of the briefs, requests, petitions, and amendments will be filed electronically.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 2 to 32 hours to complete this information, depending on the complexity of the request. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the brief, petition, and other papers, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to gather the necessary information, prepare the brief, petition, and other papers, and submit it to the USPTO, whether the applicant submits it in paper form or electronically.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 858,683 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$334,027,687 per year. The USPTO expects that all of the information in this collection will be prepared by an attorney. Using the professional hourly rate of \$389 for attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$334,027,687 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Amendment .....	2	19	38
Electronic Amendment .....	2	248	496
Appeal Brief .....	32	1,781	56,992
Electronic Appeal Brief .....	32	23,662	757,184
Reply Brief .....	5	578	2,890
Electronic Reply Brief .....	5	7,672	38,360
Request for Rehearing Before the PTAB .....	5	29	145
Electronic Request for Rehearing Before the PTAB .....	5	386	1,930
Petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge Under 37 CFR 41.3 .....	4	11	44

Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Electronic Petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge Under 37 CFR 41.3 ....	4	151	604
Total .....	.....	34,537	858,683

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$48,239 per year. There are no maintenance, operation, capital start-up, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of postage costs. There are also filing fees for the appeal briefs and the petitions to the chief administrative patent judge, but these fees are not included in the annual

(non-hour) cost burden for this collection. These fees are covered instead under 0651-0072 America Invents Act Section 10 Patent Fee Adjustments.

The briefs, petitions, and other papers may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO expects the items in this collection to be mailed by Express Mail using the flat rate envelope, which can accommodate both the varying

submission weights of these submissions and the various postal zones. Using the Express Mail flat rate cost for mailing envelopes, the USPTO estimates that the average cost for sending these submissions by Express Mail will be \$19.95 and that approximately 2,418 may be mailed to the USPTO.

The USPTO estimates that the total postage cost for this collection will be \$48,239 per year.

Item	Responses	Postage cost	Total postage cost
Express Mailing Costs			
Amendment .....	19	\$19.95	\$379.00
Appeal Brief .....	1,781	19.95	35,531.00
Reply Brief .....	578	19.95	11,531.00
Request for Rehearing Before the PTAB .....	29	19.95	579.00
Petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge Under 37 CFR 41.3 .....	11	19.95	219.00
Total Postage Costs .....	2,418	.....	48,239.00

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Dated: November 8, 2013.  
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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** Vol. 78, No. 217, Friday, November 8, 2013, page 67130.

**ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF OPEN MEETING:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

**CHANGES TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA:.**  
*Matter To Be Considered:* Decisional Matter—Voluntary Recall Notice NPR.

*Item Removed From the Agenda:*  
 Decisional Matters: FY 2014 Operating Plan.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 504-7923.

Dated: November 12, 2013.  
**Todd A. Stevenson,**  
*Secretary.*  
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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

**Matter To Be Considered**

Decisional Matter: FY 2014 Operating Plan.