collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that approximately 3% (16,818 items) of the 560,615 items will be submitted to the USPTO by mail. Due to the unique materials, including a diskette or CD and cover letter, required for Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet submissions, the USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for the 1,000 spreadsheet submissions will be $2.73; at a total cost of $2,730. The reminder of the mailed items (15,818) will be sent by first-class postage at a rate of $1.42 with an estimated cost of $22,461. Therefore, the total estimated postage cost for this collection is approximately $25,191 per year.

The total (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees and postage costs is estimated to be $32,066 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 27, 2014.

Marcie Lovett,
Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the 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 November 3, 2014.

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

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–New comment” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Michael Easdale, Office of Patent Quality Assurance, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–3533; or by email to Michael.Easdale@uspto.gov with “Paperwork” in the subject line. The objectives