

IC No.	Information collection instrument	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours	Rate (\$/hr)
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b)/60 = (c)	
1	Electronic Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.55(j)	120	9,700	19,400	\$389.00
1	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.55(j)	120	300	600	389.00
2	Electronic Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)	120	7,760	15,520	389.00
2	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)	120	240	480	389.00
3	Electronic Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(d)(6)	120	1,940	3,880	389.00
3	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(d)(6)	120	60	120	389.00
4	Electronic Identification of Inventorship and Ownership of the Subject Matter of Individual Claims under 37 CFR 1.110.	120	146	292	389.00
4	Identification of Inventorship and Ownership of the Subject Matter of Individual Claims under 37 CFR 1.110.	120	4	8	389.00
5	Electronic Rule 1.130, 1.131, and 1.132 Affidavits or Declarations.	600	29,100	291,000	389.00
5	Rule 1.130, 1.131, and 1.132 Affidavits or Declarations	600	900	9,000	389.00
Total			50,150	340,300	

*Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Cost Burden:* \$8,475.50. The USPTO estimates that the total annualized (non-hour) cost burden for this collection is due to postage costs of \$8,475.50 per year. Customers may incur postage costs when submitting some of the items covered by this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that approximately 97 percent of the responses in this collection will be submitted electronically. Of the remaining 3 percent, the vast majority—98 percent—will be submitted by mail, for a total of 1,474 mailed submissions. The average first class USPS postage cost for these items is estimated at \$5.75; the cost of a one pound mailed submission in a flat rate envelope. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the postage costs for the mailed submissions in this collection will total \$8,475.50.

**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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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

Dated: June 1, 2015.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Trademark Petitions”**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.  
*Title:* Trademark Petitions.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0061.  
*Form Number(s):*  
 • N/A.  
*Type of Request:* Regular.  
*Number of Respondents:* 2,988 per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the items in this collection have an average response time of 55 minutes (0.92 hours), and that it will take approximately 35 minutes (0.58 hours) to 75 minutes (1.25

hours) to complete this information. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 2,749.67.

*Cost Burden:* \$22,660.19.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) administers the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and collective service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

Individuals and businesses may also submit various communications to the USPTO, including letters of protest, requests to make special, responses to petition inquiry letters, petitions to make special, requests to restore a filing date, and requests for reinstatement.

The USPTO uses the information described in this collection to process letters of protest, requests to make special, responses to petition inquiry letters, petitions to make special, requests to restore filing date, and requests for reinstatement. The information is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. Information relating to the registration of a trademark is made publicly available by the USPTO. The release of information in a letter of protest is controlled and may be available upon request only.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households; Businesses and other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- Email: [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0061 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before July 9, 2015 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: June 1, 2015.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Patent Review and Derivation Proceedings

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

**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 comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, 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 August 10, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0069 comment" in the subject line of the message.

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

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information 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 Susan Mitchell, Lead Administrative Patent Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-8715; or by email at [susan.mitchell@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.mitchell@uspto.gov) with "0651-0069 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, issue applications as patents. The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, which was enacted into law on September 16, 2011, provided for many changes to the procedures of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB" or "Board", formerly the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference) procedures. See Public Law 112-29, 125 Stat. 284 (2011). These changes included the introduction of *inter partes* review, post-grant review, derivation proceedings, and the transitional program for covered business method patents. In 2012, six rulemaking actions were taken to propose and implement new rules of practice for the multiple reviews and proceedings impacted by the items contained within this information collection.

This renewal seeks to enable the continuation of the review and proceeding processes outlined in the information collection below. The public will use this information collection to petition the Board to initiate *inter partes* reviews, post-grant reviews, covered business method patent reviews, and derivation proceedings, as well as initiate other actions, and to ensure that the

associated fees and documentation are submitted to the USPTO.

## II. Method of Collection

Electronically if applicants submit the information using the Patent Review Processing System (PRPS). Applicants may be able to submit the information via email if PRPS is unavailable, or by Priority Mail Express® if both PRPS and the Board's email address are unavailable.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0069.

*IC Instruments and Forms:* The individual instruments in this collection, as well as their associated forms, are listed in the table below.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a Previously Existing Information Collection

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The USPTO estimates that this collection will generate approximately 11,349 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that 11,274 responses will be submitted through an electronic portal such as PRPS and 75 will be submitted on paper.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public an average of 128.6 hours to complete an individual form in this collection, with estimated response times for individual forms ranging between approximately 6 minutes and approximately 165 hours and 18 minutes (0.10 hours to 165.3 hours) to complete, depending on the situation and collection tool used.

The time per response, estimated annual responses, and estimated annual hour burden associated with each instrument in this information collection is shown in the table below.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,459,184 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden:* \$567,622,576. The USPTO expects that attorneys will complete the instruments associated with this information collection. The professional hourly rate for an attorney is \$389. Using this hourly rate, the USPTO estimates \$567,622,576 per year for the total hourly costs associated with respondents.