

Authority NEPA Procedures describe the process and review criteria the FirstNet Authority will follow to comply with NEPA and CEQ Regulations for proposed actions related to NPSBN deployment.<sup>6</sup> In particular, the FirstNet Authority NEPA Procedures define the roles and responsibilities of the FirstNet Authority and its applicants and describe the criteria and process for determining the appropriate level of NEPA review and making environmental determinations and final decisions for site-specific reviews of FirstNet Authority actions related to the NPSBN.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, the FirstNet Authority has reviewed and determined that the revisions to the FirstNet Authority NEPA Procedures do not significantly impact any of the environmental analyses in the PEISs and that the information anticipated to be presented in the SPEISs related to the process for conducting site-specific reviews has already been sufficiently included in the revised FirstNet Authority Implementing Procedures. Thus, to avoid duplicative analysis and the unnecessary use of resources, the FirstNet Authority is (1) withdrawing its Notice of Intent to Prepare SPEISs and Conduct Scoping for the NPSBN, and (2) amending five (5) records of decision to remove the references to the FirstNet Authority's intent to prepare SPEISs, including section 3.4.1—Tiered Site Specific Analysis, in each of the documents.<sup>8</sup>

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

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#### Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, August 2018 Update

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

finalizing revisions to FirstNet Authority Procedures for Implementing NEPA).

<sup>6</sup> FirstNet Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (January 2018), <https://www.firstnet.gov/content/notice-revised-national-environmental-policy-act-procedures-and-categorical-exclusions>.

<sup>7</sup> See id.

<sup>8</sup> The amended RODs for each of five regions are available at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov).

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“Office”) issued an update to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide (“TPG”) in August 2018 to provide updated guidance to the public on standard practices before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) in the post-grant trial procedures implemented following the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (“AIA”). The Office publishes the TPG to provide practitioners with guidance on typical procedures and times for taking action in AIA trials, as well as to ensure consistency of procedure among panels of the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Tierney and William Fink, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judges, by telephone at (571) 272-9797.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office issued an update to the TPG in August 2018, to update the guidance set forth in the TPG by incorporating the Board's current practices and provide further explanation of certain aspects of the Board's practices to the public. The TPG is divided into sections, each directed to a particular stage of a typical AIA trial proceeding or a specific issue commonly encountered during such proceedings. As such, the TPG contains informative material and outlines the current procedures that panels of the Board typically follow in appropriate cases in the normal course of an AIA trial proceeding. In order to expedite these updates and provide guidance to the public as quickly as possible, the Office has chosen to issue updates to the Practice Guide on a section-by-section, rolling basis, rather than a single, omnibus update addressing all aspects of the current Practice Guide. The Office anticipates releasing further revisions to the remaining sections of the TPG on a periodic basis, to take into account feedback received from stakeholders, changes in controlling precedent or applicable regulations, or the further refinement of the Board's practices over time.

The August 2018 update revises Sections I.G. (Expert Testimony), II.A.3. (Word Count and Page Limits), II.D.2. (Considerations in Instituting a Review), II.I. (Reply to Patent Owner Response and Reply for a Motion to Amend; Sur-Replies), II.K. (Challenging Admissibility; Motions to Exclude; Motions to Strike), II.M. (Oral Hearing), and Appendix A (Sample Scheduling Order).

The August 2018 update of the TPG, containing only the revised sections, may be viewed or downloaded free of charge from the USPTO website at <https://go.usa.gov/xU7GP>. The full

version of the August 2012 TPG continues to be available for reference on the USPTO website at <https://go.usa.gov/xU7GK>.

Dated: August 8, 2018.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0101, Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on collections of information provided for by Commission regulation Part 48, Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “FBOT Registration” or “OMB Control No. 3038-0101” by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's website, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Duane C. Andresen, Associate Director,