

proceedings, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672) and the corresponding Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR part 14). The public may also petition the USPTO Office of General Counsel under 37 CFR 104.3 to waive or suspend these rules in extraordinary cases.

The procedures under 37 CFR part 104 ensure that service of process intended for current and former employees of the USPTO is handled properly. The USPTO will only accept service of process for an employee acting in an official capacity. This collection is necessary so that respondents or their representatives can serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony and documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents may also petition the USPTO to waive or suspend these rules for legal processes. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. The USPTO covers current employees as respondents under this information collection even though their responses do not require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In those instances where both current and former employees may respond to the USPTO, the agency estimates that the number of respondents will be small.

There are no forms provided by the USPTO for this collection. For filing claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the public may use Standard Form 95 "Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death," which is provided by the Department of Justice and approved by OMB under OMB Control Number 1105-0008.

Form Number(s):

- Standard Form 95 (Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death).

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or households.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 309 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 309 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the

public between approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) and 6 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 133 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$4,569.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651-0046.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0046 information request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Post Allowance and Reissue

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the

extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0033 Post Allowance and Reissue. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before February 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0033 comment" in the subject line of the message.

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

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative 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 Parikha Mehta, Senior Legal Advisor, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-3248; or by email at parikha.mehta@uspto.gov with "0651-0033 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection of information covers the submission of issue fee payments, requests for certificates of correction, and reissue applications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. When an application for a patent is allowed by the USPTO, the USPTO issues a notice of allowance and the applicant must pay the specified issue fee within three months to avoid abandonment of the application. If the appropriate fees are paid within the proper time period, the USPTO can then issue the patent. The rules outlining the procedures for payment of the issue fee and issuance of a patent are found at 37 CFR 1.18, 1.311, and 1.314.

This collection of information also covers several transactions that may be taken after issuance of a patent.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254 and 255, a certificate of correction may be requested to correct an error or errors in an issued patent. If the USPTO determines that the request should be approved, the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction.

For an original patent that is believed to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, the original patentee, or the current patent owner if there has been a subsequent assignment, may apply for reissue of the patent. The reissue application process requires, among other items, provision of an oath or declaration specifically identifying at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue and stating the reason for the belief that the original patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid (e.g., a defective specification or drawing, or claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent). The rules outlining reissue application procedures are found at 37 CFR 1.171–1.173 and 1.175–1.178.

The title of this item has been changed from “Post Allowance and Refiling” to “Post Allowance and

Reissue” to better reflect the nature of the items in this information collection.

II. Method of Collection

Electronically via the USPTO’s patent electronic filing system, by mail, or by hand delivery to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0033.

Forms: (AIA = America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book; PTOL = Patent Trademark Office Legal Form).

- PTO/AIA/05, PTO/AIA/06, PTO/SB/51, PTO/SB/52 (Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor or the Assignee)
- PTO/AIA/07 (Substitute Statement in Lieu of an Oath or Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 115(d) and 37 CFR 1.64)
- PTO/AIA/50 (Reissue Patent Application Transmittal)
- PTO/AIA/53, PTO/SB/53 (Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-Assignment)
- PTO/SB/44 (Certificate of Correction)
- PTO/SB/51S, (Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent

Application to Correct “Errors” Statement (pre-AIA 37 CFR 1.175(c))

- PTO/SB/56 (Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form)
- PTOL–85B (Issue Fee Transmittal)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or households.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 426,301 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 426,301 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 30 minutes (0.5 hours) and 5.3 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 373,568 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$162,502,080.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time per response (hour)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Hourly cost burden rate ¹	Total annual cost for time spent
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Certificate of Correction (PTO/SB/44)	58,200	1	58,200	1.3 (80 minutes) ..	75,660	\$435	\$32,912,100
2	Petition to Correct Assignee After Payment of Issue Fee (37 CFR 3.81(b)).	534	1	534	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	427	435	185,745
3	Reissue Documentation	698	1	698	5.3 (318 minutes)	3,699	435	1,609,065
4	Reissue Patent Application Transmittal.	698	1	698	0.5 (30 minutes) ..	349	435	151,815
5	(PTO/SB/50)							
5	Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor or the Assignee (PTO/SB/51/52, PTO/AIA/05/06) or Substitute Statement in Lieu of an Oath or Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 115(d) and 37 CFR 1.64) (PTO/AIA/07).	1,175	1	1,175	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	940	435	408,900
6	Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct “Errors” Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S).	30	1	30	0.6 (36 minutes) ..	18	435	7,830
7	Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-assignment (PTO/SB/53, PTO/AIA/53).	889	1	889	0.5 (30 minutes) ..	445	435	193,575
8	Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56).	698	1	698	0.5 (30 minutes) ..	349	435	151,815
9	Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL–85B) ...	350,588	1	350,588	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	280,470	435	122,004,450
	Totals	413,510	.....	413,510	.....	362,357	.....	157,625,295

¹ 2021 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg. F–27. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property attorneys in private firms which is \$435 per hour.

TABLE 2—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO INDIVIDUAL AND HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time per response (hour) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Hourly cost burden rate ² (f)	Total annual cost for time Spent (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Certificate of Correction (PTO/SB/44)	1,800	1	1,800	1.3 (80 minutes) ..	2,340	\$435	\$1,017,900
2	Petition to Correct Assignee After Payment of Issue Fee (37 CFR 3.81(b)).	16	1	16	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	13	435	5,655
3	Reissue Documentation	22	1	22	5.3 (320 minutes)	117	435	50,895
4	Reissue Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/50).	22	1	22	0.5 (30 minutes) ..	11	435	4,785
5	Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor or the Assignee (PTO/SB/51/52, PTO/AIA/05/06) or Substitute Statement in Lieu of an Oath or Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 115(d) and 37 CFR 1.64) (PTO/AIA/07).	37	1	37	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	30	435	13,050
6	Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S).	1	1	1	0.6	1	435	435
7	Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-assignment (PTO/SB/53, PTO/AIA/53).	28	1	28	0.5	14	435	6,090
8	Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56).	22	1	22	0.5	11	435	4,785
9	Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85B) ...	10,843	1	10,843	0.8 (46 minutes) ..	8,674	435	3,773,190
	Totals	12,791	.....	12,791	.....	11,211	.....	4,876,785

² Ibid.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$434,518,228.

There are no maintenance costs, capital start-up costs, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, the USPTO

estimates that the total annual (nonhour) cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filing fees (\$434,478,795) and postage (\$39,433), is \$434,518,228.

Filing Fees

The items with filing fees are listed in the table below.

TABLE 3—FILING FEES

Item No.	Type of cost	Estimated annual responses	Amount	Totals
1	Certificate of correction (Undiscounted entity)	9,521	\$160	\$1,523,360
1	Certificate of correction (Small entity)	2,394	160	383,040
1	Certificate of correction (Micro entity)	90	160	14,400
3	Basic filing fee—Reissue (Undiscounted entity)	1,501	320	480,320
3	Basic filing fee—Reissue (Small entity)	528	160	84,480
3	Basic filing fee—Reissue (Micro entity)	65	80	5,200
3	Basic Filing Fee—Reissue (Design CPA) (Undiscounted entity)	25	320	8,000
3	Basic Filing Fee—Reissue (Design CPA) (Small entity)	5	160	800
3	Basic Filing Fee—Reissue (Design CPA) (Micro entity)	5	80	400
3	Reissue Search Fee or Reissue Design CPA Search Fees (Undiscounted entity).	1,544	700	1,080,800
3	Reissue Search Fee or Reissue Design CPA Search Fees (Small entity)	580	350	203,000
3	Reissue Search Fee or Reissue Design CPA Search Fees (Micro entity)	72	175	12,600
3	Reissue independent claims in excess of three (Undiscounted entity)	561	480	269,280
3	Reissue independent claims in excess of three (Small entity)	176	240	42,240
3	Reissue independent claims in excess of three (Micro entity)	21	120	2,520
3	Reissue claims in excess of 20 (Undiscounted entity)	4,531	100	453,100
3	Reissue claims in excess of 20 (Small entity)	1,495	50	74,750
3	Reissue claims in excess of 20 (Micro entity)	115	25	2,875
3, 4	Reissue Application Size Fee—for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets (Undiscounted entity).	46	420	19,320
3, 4	Reissue Application Size Fee—for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets (Small entity).	10	210	2,100
3, 4	Reissue Application Size Fee—for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets (Micro entity).	8	105	840
3	Reissue Examination Fee or Reissue Design CPA Examination Fee (Undiscounted entity).	1,542	2,320	3,577,440

TABLE 3—FILING FEES—Continued

Item No.	Type of cost	Estimated annual responses	Amount	Totals
3	Reissue Examination Fee or Reissue Design CPA Examination Fee (Small entity).	577	1,160	669,320
3	Reissue Examination Fee or Reissue Design CPA Examination Fee (Micro entity).	70	580	40,600
9	Utility issue fee (Undiscounted entity)	294,254	1,200	353,104,800
9	Utility issue fee (Small entity)	79,574	600	47,744,400
9	Utility issue fee (Micro entity)	9,678	300	2,903,400
9	Design issue fee (Undiscounted entity)	18,674	740	13,818,760
9	Design issue fee (Small entity)	14,600	370	5,402,000
9	Design issue fee (Micro entity)	6,228	185	1,152,180
9	Plant issue fee (Undiscounted entity)	641	840	538,440
9	Plant issue fee (Small entity)	598	420	251,160
9	Plant issue fee (Micro entity)	7	210	1,470
9	Reissue issue fee (Undiscounted entity)	448	1,200	537,600
9	Reissue issue fee (Small entity)	120	600	72,000
9	Reissue issue fee (Micro entity)	6	300	1,800
	Total Filing Fees	450,310		434,478,795

Postage

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this information collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that approximately 1% (4,263) of the responses for this information collection will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail 2-day flat rate legal envelope, will be \$9.25 and that approximately 4,263 submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that postage costs in this collection will be \$39,433.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

- (a) Evaluate whether the 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 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.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB–2022–0076]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau or CFPB) requests the extension of the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) approval of the existing information

collection titled “Disclosure Requirements for Depository Institutions Lacking Federal Deposit Insurance (Regulation I)” approved under OMB Number 3170–0062.

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before December 22, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, at (202) 435–7278, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title of Collection: Disclosure Requirements for Depository Institutions Lacking Federal Deposit Insurance (Regulation I).

OMB Control Number: 3170–0062.