

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (NRIP) AND THE USPTO

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| Application No.: | | First Named Inventor: | |
| Filing Date: | | Attorney Docket No.: | |
| Title of the Invention: | | | |

THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB. INFORMATION REGARDING EFS-WEB IS AVAILABLE AT <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/applying-online/about-efs-web>

APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM.

The above-identified application and the corresponding NI application(s) have the same priority/filing date. If NRIP is not the office of first filing (OFF), identify the OFF and the OFF application no.

The NI application number(s) is/are: _____

The filing date of the NI application(s) is/are: _____

I. List of Required Documents:

a. **A copy of the latest NI office action prior to the “Decision to Grant a Patent” in the above-identified NI application(s) along with an English translation (if the office action is not in the English language)**

- is attached.
- is not attached because applicant hereby requests the USPTO to obtain the required office action and any required translation thereof via the Dossier Access System.
- is not attached because the NI application was allowed in a first office action.

Notes:

It is not necessary to submit a copy of the “Decision to Grant a Patent” and an English translation thereof.
 The English translation of the office action may be a machine translation.
 An accuracy statement for the English language translation of the office action is not required.

b. **(1) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the NI office action**

- is attached.
- has already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on _____.

(2) Copies of all documents (except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications)

- are attached.
- have already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on _____.

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9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.