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REQUEST FOR FIRST ACTION INTERVIEW (FULL PILOT PROGRAM)			
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- 2. The application must contain three (3) or fewer independent claims and twenty (20) or fewer total claims. The application may not contain any multiple dependent claims.
- 3. The request must be filed electronically using the Office's electronic filing system, EFS-Web.
- 4. The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that the claims are directed to multiple inventions (e.g., in a restriction requirement), the applicant must make an election without traverse.
- 5. The request must be filed at least one day before a first Office action on the merits of the application appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system (*i.e.*, at least one day prior to the date when a first Office action on the merits, notice of allowability or allowance, or action under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 11 (1935) appears in the PAIR system). Applicant may check the status of the application using the PAIR system.
- 6. The request for a first action interview must include a statement that applicant agrees not to file a request for a refund of the search fee and any excess claims fees paid in the application after the mailing or notification of the Pre-Interview Communication. Any petition for express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.138(d), and request for a refund of the search fee and any excess claims fees, filed after the mailing or notification of the Pre-Interview Communication will not be granted.

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