

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee:**(A) For delay greater than two years:****37 CFR 1.17(m)(1)**

- ☐ Other than a small or micro entity (undiscounted) fee \$ _____ (Fee Code 14R2).
- ☐ Small entity fee \$ _____ (Fee Code 24R2). Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Micro entity fee \$ _____ (Fee Code 34R2). Applicant has established or is establishing micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent must either be enclosed or have been submitted previously.

(B) For delay less than or equal to two years:**37 CFR 1.17(m)(2)**

- ☐ Other than a small or micro entity (undiscounted) fee \$ _____ (Fee Code 1453).
- ☐ Small entity fee \$ _____ (Fee Code 2453). Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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2. Reply and/or fee

A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office notice or action in the form of

_____ (identify the type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on _____.

☐ is enclosed herewith.

B The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____

☐ has been paid previously on _____.

☐ is enclosed herewith.

3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unintentional.

Petitioner is reminded that a delay resulting from a deliberately chosen course of action on the part of the applicant does not become an "unintentional" delay within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.137 because:

- the applicant does not consider the claims to be patentable over the references relied upon in an outstanding Office action;
- the applicant does not consider the allowed or patentable claims to be of sufficient breadth or scope to justify the financial expense of obtaining a patent;
- the applicant does not consider any patent to be of sufficient value to justify the financial expense of obtaining the patent; or
- the applicant remains interested in eventually obtaining a patent, but simply seeks to defer patent fees and patent prosecution expenses.

Petitioner is further reminded that an intentional delay resulting from a deliberate course of action chosen by the applicant is not affected by:

- the correctness of the applicant's (or applicant's representative's) decision to abandon the application or not to seek or persist in seeking revival of the application;
- the correctness or propriety of a rejection, or other objection, requirement, or decision by the Office; or
- the discovery of new information or evidence, or other change in circumstances subsequent to the abandonment or decision not to seek or persist in seeking revival.

NOTE: Where the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is filed more than two years after the date the application became abandoned, the United States Patent and Trademark Office requires an additional explanation of the circumstances surrounding the delay that establishes the entire delay was unintentional. This requirement is in addition to the requirement to provide a statement that the entire delay was unintentional. See *Clarification of the Practice for Requiring Additional Information in Petitions Filed in Patent Applications and Patents Based on Unintentional Delay*, 85 FR 12222 (March 2, 2020). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C)-(F) for additional guidance on the information required to establish that the entire delay was unintentional.

☐ Because this petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is being filed more than two years after the date the application became abandoned, additional explanation of the circumstances surrounding the delay that establishes the entire delay was unintentional is enclosed herewith. Note: If this box is checked, section 1A must also be completed.

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Signature*_____
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Address**Enclosures:**

- ☐ Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m)(1) or (m)(2)
- ☐ Reply and/or fee
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☐ Additional sheet(s) containing statements establishing unintentional delay
- ☐ Other: _____

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