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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- **Specification Items**

The specification, claims, and/or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable because:

- The line spacing on page(s) ALL of the specification is not 1½ or double spaced (see 37 CFR 1.52(b)). A proper substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125, having the proper line spacing throughout, is required to satisfy this requirement. A statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter is required. However, a marked up version of the specification is not required for this correction.
- The line spacing on page(s) ALL of the claims is not 1½ or double spaced (see 37 CFR 1.52(b)). A proper claim listing, having the proper line spacing throughout, is required to satisfy this requirement.
- The line spacing on page(s) ALL of the abstract is not 1½ or double spaced (see 37 CFR 1.52(b)). A proper replacement abstract, having the proper line spacing throughout, is required to satisfy this requirement.

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

- The statutory basic filing fee has not been received.
- The application search fee must be submitted.
- The application examination fee must be submitted.
- Additional claim fees of **\$6420** as an undiscounted entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

- Surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) has not been received.

The surcharge is due for any one of:

- late submission of the basic filing fee, search fee, or examination fee,
- late submission of inventor's oath or declaration,
- filing an application that does not contain at least one claim on filing, or
- submission of an application filed by reference to a previously filed application.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

The fee(s) required (including the fees noted above) are as follows. No entity status discount is in effect. If applicant is qualified for small entity status, a written assertion of small entity status must be submitted to establish small entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.27). If applicant is qualified for micro entity status, an acceptable Certification of Micro Entity Status must be submitted to establish micro entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.29 and forms PTO/SB/15A and 15B.)

- **\$320** basic filing fee.
- **\$160** surcharge.
- **\$700** search fee.
- **\$800** examination fee.
- **\$4320** for 9 independent claims over 3.
- **\$2100** for 21 total claims over 20.
- **\$(0)** previous unapplied payment amount.
- **\$8400** TOTAL FEE BALANCE DUE.

Applicant is notified that the above-identified application contains the deficiencies noted below. No period for reply is set forth in this Notice for correction of these deficiencies. However, if a deficiency relates to the inventor's oath or declaration, the applicant must file an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, or a substitute statement in compliance with 37 CFR 1.64, executed by or with respect to each actual inventor no later than the expiration of the time period set in the "Notice of Allowability" to avoid abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.53(f).

#### **Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:**

The deficiencies indicated below should be addressed promptly to avoid further processing delays.

- A properly executed inventor's oath or declaration has not been received for the following inventor(s):

James Frank Osterbur

An inventor's oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 or 1.64 executed by or with respect to each inventor must be submitted no later than the date on which the issue fee is paid in response to a notice requiring such fee. See 37 CFR 1.53(f).

Replies must be received in the USPTO within the set time period or must include a proper Certificate of Mailing or Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 with a mailing or transmission date within the set time period. For more information and a suggested format, see Form PTO/SB/92 and MPEP 512.

Replies should be addressed to:

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#### REPLY VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

A reply may be submitted via electronic filing only by registered users of the appropriate USPTO patent electronic filing system and must include:

- A separate document having the document description, "**Applicant response to Pre-Exam Formalities Notice**"; and
- the item(s) for which a reply period is set forth above.

For more information about electronic filing, contact the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) 1-866-217-9197 or visit <https://www.uspto.gov/ebc>

NOTE: If the reply is not being submitted electronically, a copy of this notice must be included.

Questions about the contents of this notice and the requirements it sets forth should be directed to the Office of Data Management, Application Assistance Unit, at (571) 272-4000 or (571) 272-4200 or 1-888-786-0101.

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