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In re Patent No. 9,282,396 :
Issue Date: March 8, 2016 :
Application No. 13/775,754 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 25, 2013 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(e)
Patentee(s): C. Earl Woolfork :

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 2, 2016, which is being treated a petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(e), to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional applications set forth in the Application Data Sheet (ADS) filed May 24, 2016.

The petition is **dismissed**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR § 1.78(e) is only applicable to those applications filed after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR § 1.78(d)(3). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(e) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR § 1.78(d)(2) of the prior-filed application, which must be filed in an Application Data Sheet, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR § 1.78(d)(3) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant petition does not comply with item (1). In this regard, since the application has issued as patent, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(e), along with the submission of a Certificate of Correction, would be the appropriate avenue of relief to accept a late claim for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional applications. *See* MPEP 1481.03.

If applicant desires to add the claim for priority on the front page of the Letters Patent, by way of a Certificate of Correction, then petitioner must submit (1) a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(e), no further petition fee required; and (2) a Request for a Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO/SB/44), including the \$100 fee.

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Additionally, the ADS filed May 24, 2015 is improper. Specifically, the filing date, patent number and issue date of each prior-filed application listed is wrong. Also, the continuity type and prior application number of 10/027,391 is missing, and as stated above, the filing date listed for Application No. 10/027,391 is wrong.

In view of the above, the present petition cannot be granted at this time.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a renewed petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(e) and an ADS (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5) and 37 CFR 1.76(c)) to correct the above matter is required.

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