This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114
   a. ☑ Previously submitted. If a final office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
      i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on __________________________
      ii. ☑ Other Enter the Amendment After Final previously filed on October 5, 2006
   b. ☐ Enclosed
      i. ☐ Amendment
         ii. ☐ Request for Reconsideration
         iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
         iv. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) ☐ PTO 1449 ☐ Cited References (____)
      v. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous
   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
   b. ☐ Other

3. Other Enclosures
   a. ☑ Fee Transmittal (In Duplicate)
   b. ☑ Request for Extension of Time for 3 months
   c. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) ☐ PTO 1449 ☐ Cited References (____)
   d. ☐
   e. ☐
   f. ☐

4. Fees
   The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
   a. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A fee transmittal sheet in duplicate is enclosed.
      i. ☑ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
      ii. ☑ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
      iii. ☐ Other
   b. ☐ A check in the amount of ___________ enclosed.
   c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) Credit card information should not be included on this form.

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