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USPTO Announces Proposed Fee Increases

Pursuant to last year's America Invents Act, the USPTO has proposed fee increases for various matters, with some increases of about 50%, 100%, and more. For example, the basic utility patent filing fee is proposed to increase by 47%, excess claims by 84%, and notice of appeal by 142%.

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USPTO Fast Track Examination

Track I accelerated examination authorized by the America Invents Act is reportedly working according to the USPTO. This fast track examination is to provide a final disposition of patent grant or rejection within 12 months of approval of a petition to enter Track I examination.

During the first three months Track I has been in effect, about 1700 petitions have been filed. The time to process a petition has been about 41 days. About 99% of the petitions have been approved. From approval of petition to first office action has been about 31 days.

The USPTO says there is no difference in terms of grant and denial of applications under Track 1 and regular examination.

The petition fee is USD4800.

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