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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/989,815
Group No.: 3661

In re application of: Matthew A. Katzner
Filed: November 16, 2004
For: MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM

Examiner: "Yonel Beaulieu"

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PETITION

1. Applicant requests that the Office withdraw this application, on its own initiative, from issue for a reason set forth in § 1.313(b), as follows:

☐ A mistake on the part of the Office (§ 1.313(b)(1)).
☐ A violation of § 1.56 or illegality in the application (§ 1.313(b)(2)).
☐ Unpatentability of one or more claims (§ 1.313(b)(3)).
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2. Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this Request to Deposit Account No. 03-1550. A duplicate copy of the Request is submitted herewith.

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ADDED PAGE FOR REASON(S)

Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination, together with an Information Disclosure Statement

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number 10/988,815
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First Named Inventor Matthew A. Katzer
Art Unit 3681
Examiner Name Yonel Beaulieu
Attorney Docket Number 7431.0080

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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   ii. [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
   iii. [x] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
   iv. [ ] Other ______

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b. [ ] Other ______

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   ii. [ ] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
   iii. [ ] Other ______

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Respectfully submitted,

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