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September 20, 2011

Re: USPTO Fee Increase & New Fee Schedule

Dear Colleagues:

Further to our letter of September 9, 2011 regarding the enactment of the Patent Reform Bill, President Obama signed the Bill on September 16, 2011. The proposed 15% surcharge on fees paid to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will go into effect on September 26, 2011. Given the significant increase in fees, we will strive to pay all fees for which you have provided instructions prior to the increase. Further, it would be financially advantageous to provide us with instructions on any additional items prior to this date.

We enclose herewith our new Schedule of Charges also effective September 26, 2011. This schedule reflects the new USPTO fees as well as our updated fees. Our cost of maintaining the skilled personnel and the technology assets necessary to provide high-quality legal services is ever increasing. We make every effort to retain our skilled personnel at reasonable cost and to make use of technology in a cost-efficient manner.

Nevertheless, our costs continue to rise, and therefore, it is necessary for us to periodically reevaluate our standard service charges, as well as our attorney hourly billing rates. We are careful to maintain our charges at a level that is very competitive but which, at the same time, allows us to continue to provide our clients with the high quality services they have come to expect from Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack, L.L.P. This Schedule of Charges is our first revision of our fees in 3 years, and we believe our fee increases are modest and keep our overall charges at a competitive level.

Also enclosed is a list of U.S. Federal Holidays for the remainder of 2011 and the 2012 calendar year. Both the USPTO and our office will be closed on these days. Any USPTO due dates falling on these holidays will be considered timely if filed on the next business day.

If you have any questions, or we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

2011

October 10, 2011	Columbus Day
November 11, 2011	Veterans Day
November 24, 2011	Thanksgiving Day
December 26, 2011	Christmas Day

2012

January 2, 2012	New Year's Day
January 16, 2012	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
February 20, 2012	President's Day
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day
July 4, 2012	Independence Day
September 3, 2012	Labor Day
October 8, 2012	Columbus Day
November 12, 2012	Veterans Day
November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2012	Christmas Day

Schedule of Charges

Effective September 26, 2011

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PATENTS

NEW APPLICATIONS (Large Entity)

	Minimum Service Charges	Government Fees	Total
Filing Utility Application	\$690	\$1250	\$1940

Filing National Stage Application:

(with International Search Report)	835	1120	1955
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(without International Search Report)	835	1250	2085
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Each Independent Claim over 3	---	250	250
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Each Claim over 20 Total	---	60	60
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Multiple Dependent Claims Fee	---	450	450
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Each 50 Sheets exceeding 100	---	310	310
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Filing Provisional Application	525	250	775
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Filing Design Application	690	530	1220
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Filing Request for Continued Exam (RCE)	350	930	1280
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Filing with Unexecuted Declaration	185	---	185
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Late Filing of Oath or Declaration	185	130	315
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NEW APPLICATIONS (Small Entity)

Filing Utility Application	690	625	1315
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Filing National Stage Application:

(with International Search Report)	835	560	1395
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(without International Search Report)	835	625	1460
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Each Independent Claim over 3	---	125	125
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Each Claim over 20 Total	---	30	30
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Multiple Dependent Claims Fee	---	225	225
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Each 50 Sheets exceeding 100	---	155	155
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Filing Provisional Application	525	125	650
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Filing Design Application	690	265	955
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Filing Request for Continued Exam (RCE)	350	465	815
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Filing with Unexecuted Declaration	185	---	185
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Late Filing of Oath or Declaration	185	65	250
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POST-ALLOWANCE FEES (Large Entity)

Utility Application - Issue Fee	500	1740	2240
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- Publication Fee	55	300	355
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Design Application - Issue Fee	500	990	1490
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POST-ALLOWANCE FEES (Small Entity)

Utility Application - Issue Fee	500	870	1370
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- Publication Fee	55	300	355
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Design Application - Issue Fee	500	495	995
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EXTENSIONS OF TIME (Large Entity)

One-Month Extension	130	150	280
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Two-Month Extension	210	560	770
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Three-Month Extension	295	1270	1565
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Four-Month Extension (If Available)	440	1980	2420
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Five-Month Extension (If Available)	595	2690	3285
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EXTENSIONS OF TIME (Small Entity)

One-Month Extension	130	75	205
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Two-Month Extension	210	280	490
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Three-Month Extension	295	635	930
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Four-Month Extension (If Available)	440	990	1430
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Five-Month Extension (If Available)	595	1345	1940
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The charges contained in this fee schedule are our minimum service charges for many of the services we provide. When the services require an unusual amount of attorney or agent time, additional service charges will apply. Similarly, most other services beyond those listed will incur service charges based upon the amount of time required to perform the work. The service charges listed for filing patent applications are minimum charges and are based on the filing of patent applications received in proper form for filing, as is often the case for U.S. applications based on previously-filed foreign applications. We will also add service charges for various administrative services including photocopying, facsimile transmission, mailing and courier services. Payment of all charges must be received within 60 days after the date of the debit note.

If suitable instructions are not in our hands by two (2) weeks before a due date, we will assume the right to take such action that, in our opinion, appears proper for safeguarding the interest of the applicant, and shall charge for this service. Rush services may incur extra charges.

Every reasonable effort is made in this office to avoid forfeiture of applications for lack of action, either on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office or on our part, but in view of the peculiar difficulties of the practice of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, no responsibility is assumed for lapses, forfeitures or any other losses incurred through any circumstances whatsoever, not under our control. It is definitely understood that all applications are sent to us by our clients and accepted by us on this basis.

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PATENTS (Continued)

	Minimum Service Charges	Government Fees	Total
MISCELLANEOUS			
Recording Assignment	185	40	225
Filing Formal Priority Claim	95	---	95
Preparing & Filing Substitute Declaration	160	---	160
MAINTENANCE FEES (Large Entity)			
Due 3.5 Years from Issue Date	315	1130	1445
Due 7.5 Years from Issue Date	515	2850	3365
Due 11.5 Years from Issue Date	725	4730	5455
MAINTENANCE FEES (Small Entity)			
Due 3.5 Years from Issue Date	315	565	880
Due 7.5 Years from Issue Date	515	1425	1940
Due 11.5 Years from Issue Date	725	2365	3090

TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHTS

	Minimum Service Charges	Government Fees	Total
TRADEMARK SEARCHES			
Federal, State and Common Law Search	1250	---	1250
Federal Registration Search	900	---	900
Rush Service for Searches			
1 Week (Add 175) 3 Days (Add 330)			
TRADEMARK OR SERVICE MARK			
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION (ONE CLASS)	860	325	1185
Each Additional Class for Electronic Application	65	325	390
PAPER APPLICATION (ONE CLASS)	860	375	1235
Each Additional Class for Paper Application	65	375	440
INTENT TO USE APPLICATION			
Amendment to Allege Use	395	100	495
Statement of Use	395	100	495
Extension of Time to File Statement of Use	240	150	390
MISCELLANEOUS			
Renewal Application and Section 8 Declaration	705	500	1205
Declaration under Section 8	640	100	740
Declaration under Section 15	640	200	840
Combined Sections 8 & 15	705	300	1005
Extension of Time to File Notice of Opposition	340	---	340
Notice of Opposition	1400	300	1700
Petition to Cancel	1400	300	1700
Interrogatory Request	1400	---	1400
Document Discovery Request	1400	---	1400
Preparation and Recording of Transfer	335	40	375
Preparation and Filing of Domestic Representative	260	---	260
COPYRIGHTS			
Preparation and Filing of Copyright Application	515	35	550