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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 15, 2019 FIRST ACTION INTERVIEW PILOT PROGRAM PRE-INTERVIEW COMMUNICATION

This Communication is submitted in response to the First Action Interview Pilot Program Pre-Interview Communication mailed February 15, 2019 in connection with the above-identified application. A response is due March 15, 2019. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.



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REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

The claims pending in this application are previously pending claims 1 and 2.

II. OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth in the February 15, 2019 First Action Interview Pilot Program Pre-Interview Communication, applicant, without conceding the correctness of this rejection, is concurrently filing an eTerminal Disclaimer with respect to the reference patent cited in the rejection, i.e., U.S. Patent No. 9,719,139. Accordingly, applicant submits that an interview with the Examiner is no longer necessary.

IV. SUMMARY

Applicant maintains that all grounds of rejection set forth in the February 15, 2019 First Action Interview Pilot Program Pre-Interview Communication have been overcome and earnestly solicits allowance of the claims pending in the application.



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a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$160.00 fee for E-filing the Terminal Disclaimer for which authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3125 was given in connection with the separate E-filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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