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Other than some 'insignificant' fee reduction for small- and micro- entities which do nothing to reduce the real costs of patent prosecution and enforcement, small inventors are subject to the same rules and regulations as the mega-corporations which have 100s of full-time patent attorneys and endless financial resources.

What provisions for will the PTO make for small- and micro-entities to:

provide more flexibility in rules generally?

provide more flexibility in time limits?

less stringent and onerous 'penalties'?

provide full-time, pro bono legal assistance for all small- and micro- entities?

Thank you,

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