

I'd like to suggest a case study on the predictability of pendency from Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to first Office Action. The Office has done a great job in the past few years in reducing the average time it takes for applicants to receive a first Action after the filing of an RCE. However, based on personal experience as well as feedback from others, there certainly are outliers where applicants do not hear from the Office for 1-2 years after RCE. I'd appreciate learning more about the statistics and whether applicants may have more predictability in terms of waiting time after RCE.

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