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Have you considered the increased workload to Examiners that the new continuation requirements will create since many applicants will now be required to file an appeal rather than an RCE to continue prosecution.

The RCE practice may be less work than appeals for both applicant and examiner, in order to come to a compromise where both are happy.

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