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I'm hoping that the P3 program is extended beyond the trial period -- I have initiated three P3's and in each case it has served to move the application forward beyond a logjam situation.

While GREAT --- here are a few observations I've had so far:

1) there should be requisite time period for the Examiner to respond to the initial submission. I know that the information states that the Examiner (or SPE) will get back to the applicant "within a week or two" of filing --- but this has not been the case in 2 of the 3 requests that I filed. In fact, the second request languished for about a month, and a call to the Examiner didn't seem to advance the case --- I had to make a second phone call to the SPE to get the ball rolling ---- I had filed the Request on August 19th, and just had the Oral Presentation on Sept. 15th ---

2) there should also be a (relatively short) window for the Examiner to communicate the outcome of the proceeding to the application. I have no way of knowing when I'll hear back about the result of any of my P3's.

3) is there a requirement that the three USPTO officials participating meet & review the case before the Oral Presentation? If not, there should be. In each instance I had to explain the invention and cover ground already well-known to the examiner and myself for the other two USPTO rep's that were participating

4) the counter seems to be 'broken' ---- the numbers haven't changed since Sept. 16th

On whole --- great process! WebEx works just fine and seems to be an efficient and cost-effective way to make progress

please call/email if any of my comments are confusing

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