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Assuming the USPTO were to adopt such rules to allow some type of deferment of examination, it is suggested that such deferral be limited to those applications that do NOT opt out of publication so as to prevent the resurgence of “submarine patents” as the 20 year term has not completely eliminated such problems.

Further it would be of interest to see what percentage of cases the USPTO would expect to defer examination in and what percentage of cases they would expect to avoid examination all together by being abandoned prior to filing any request.

Regards;

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