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Re: Comments on Electronic OG Proposal, dated 20 June 2000

Dear Ms. Tyson:

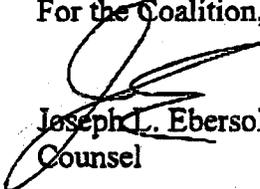
Our member companies are against the proposal. The first paragraph of the notice points out that "... implementing these enhancements would require extensive resources." We are surprised that, in a time of budget constrictions by the Congress, such a proposal as this would emerge from PTO. At the same time Director Dickinson talks about funding problems, you are proposing new ways to spend money that is not related to the core USPTO mission.

Current users of the OG are happy with it, and are willing to pay the subscription fees. Further, the PTO web site already makes access to all OG information available every Tuesday morning. If USPTO has extra resources, they should be spent on hiring more examiners.

Even if USPTO had extra budget money to throw around, it is questionable whether it should be used to try to replicate an 'old technology' publication. The OG has served a very important purpose and it will continue to do so for those who continue to subscribe. At least one of our member companies makes use of the print OG in the initial part of its value-adding production process; but it would not be able to use the electronic version in the same way. So, even if a virtual OG were developed, it would not be an adequate substitute.

We urge USPTO to drop this proposal and to use its scarce resources to increase the volume of applications examined.

For the Coalition,

  
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