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Gentlemen:

The USPTO proposal seems appropriate..

Despite the discussion earlier (September 21, 2004) as to why small entities under regulatory flexibility act (RFA) is different from (a subset of) small entities for the purposes of paying reduced patent fees, it seems to make it unnecessarily difficult to have differing "small entity" definitions.

Admittedly I am oblivious to the implications of differing small entity definition for RFA, however it was worthwhile to comment that it is beneficial, to the greatest extent possible, to KEEP IT SIMPLE (KISS principle). The patent regulations are complex enough without needlessly adding to the complexity.

The Patent Office proposal seems well in line with the KISS principle.

Regards;

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