not filed by electronic means as prescribed by the Director of the USPTO. An application filed by the alternative electronic filing means prescribed by this notice during a designated significant unplanned electronic business system outage will be treated as an application filed by electronic means for purposes of section 10(h) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (and by the USPTO's electronic filing system for purposes of 37 CFR 1.16(t) and 1.445(a)(1)(ii)). Thus, the non-electronic filing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(t) and 1.445(a)(1)(ii) is not required for an application filed by the alternative electronic filing means prescribed by this notice during a designated significant unplanned electronic business system outage. The application will also be treated as being filed by the USPTO's electronic filing system for purposes of calculation of the application size fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.52(f)(2) and the reduced basic filing fee for small entities who file in compliance with the USPTO's electronic filing system (37 CFR 1.16(a)). The application, however, will not be treated as being filed by the USPTO's electronic filing system for purposes of the electronic filing discount in the international filing fee (PCT Rule 15 and 37 CFR 1.445(b)).[1]

The alternative electronic filing means during designated significant unplanned electronic business system outages is as follows: The applicant must file the patent application during a designated significant unplanned electronic business system outage by an alternative filing method permitted by 37 CFR 1.6, such as by the Priority Mail Express® service of the U.S. Postal Service under 37 CFR 1.10 or hand delivery[2] to the USPTO. *See* MPEP § 502.05; *see also Legal Framework for Electronic Filing System—Web (EFS-Web),* 74 FR 55200, 55204 (Oct. 27, 2009).[3] Applicants are reminded that unless an application is filed by the Priority Mail Express® service of the U.S. Postal Service in accordance with 37 CFR 1.10, the filing date of the application will be the date on which the application is received at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. *See* 37 CFR 1.6. In addition, a copy of the application must be filed via EFS-Web (or Patent Center[4]) no later than: (1) One month from the date a filing receipt[5] is first issued for the application, and be accompanied by a request for refund, if the non-electronic filing fee has been paid; or (2) the expiration of the period for reply to a notice requiring payment of the non-electronic filing fee (*e.g.,* a notice to file missing parts under 37 CFR 1.53(f)) if the non-electronic filing fee has not been paid.

The copy of the application filed via EFS-Web (or Patent Center) must be accompanied by a statement that it is a true copy of the original application as filed by the alternative filing method during the designated significant unplanned electronic business system outage. The copy of the application also must be filed via EFS-Web (or Patent Center) as a follow-on paper in the application, and not as a new application. If the copy of the application is filed via EFS-Web (or Patent Center) as a new application, the copy will be treated as a new application, and the application filed by an alternative filing method will not be treated as an application filed by the prescribed alternative electronic filing means. The copy of the application should not be filed until applicant has received either a filing receipt or other USPTO notice identifying the application number assigned to the application.

Dated: August 27, 2018.

**Andrei Iancu,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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[1] The USPTO has no authority to treat an international application filed by the alternative electronic filing means prescribed by this notice as having been filed in the electronic format prescribed by the Administrative Instructions under the PCT for the electronic filing discount in the international filing fee or to waive the international filing fee.

[2] New patent applications hand carried to the USPTO must be delivered to the Customer Service Window in the Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (MPEP section 501).

[3] Applicants are reminded that applications filed under 37 CFR 1.53 (except a design continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d)), PCT international applications, and international design applications cannot be submitted by facsimile transmission. *See* 37 CFR 1.6(d).

[4] Patent Center is a new patent electronic filing and management system that is in development, and which will replace EFS-Web and the Patent Application Information and Retrieval (PAIR) system. Further information concerning Patent Center is available on the USPTO's internet website at *https://www.uspto.gov/patent/initiatives/about-patent-center.*

[5] The term ''filing receipt'' as used in this notice also includes a Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date (PCT/RO/105) in a PCT application.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**[Docket No. ED–2018–ICCD–0072]**

## 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 20) Field Test Institution Contacting and Enrollment List Collection; Cancellation

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** On July 3, 2018, the Department of Education (ED) published a 60 day comment period notice in the **Federal Register** with FR DOC #2018–14441 (Page 31383, Column 2 and 3; Page 31384, Column 1 and 2) seeking public comment for an information collection entitled, ''2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) Field Test Institution Contacting and Enrollment List Collection'' conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The Department of Education would like to cancel that public comment period notice. NCES intends to conduct the NPSAS:20 full-scale study as planned from October 2019 to November 2020. In March 2019, NCES will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** for a 60-day public comment period followed by a 30-day comment period for NPSAS:20 Full-Scale Institution Contacting and Enrollment List Collection clearance request.

The NPSAS:20 full-scale study will use methods and survey items that have already been used in previous cycles of NPSAS. In addition, NCES is developing a cognitive testing plan that will allow pre-testing of a subset of questions from the planned NPSAS:20 student interview. NCES expects to submit a clearance request for these cognitive testing activities by July 2019.

The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management, hereby issues a cancellation notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: August 27, 2018.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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