

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2, 11, 20, and 21 are amended. Claims 1, 10, and 19 are cancelled. Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20, and 21 are pending and under consideration.

Objections to Claims

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20, and 21 are objected to in the Office Action Summary.

Examiner Notice

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claim 1 would be allowable if claim 2 were incorporated into claim 1 and the 112 second paragraph rejection were resolved.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claim 10 would be allowable if claim 11 were incorporated into claim 10 and the 112 second paragraph rejection were resolved.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claim 19 would be allowable if claim 20 or 21 were incorporated into claim 19 and the 112 second paragraph rejection were resolved.

Claim 2 is amended into independent form, and claim 1 is cancelled. Claims 3-9 depend from claim 2.

Claim 11 is amended into independent form, and claim 10 is cancelled. Claims 12-18 depend from claim 11.

Claims 20 and 21 are amended into independent form, and claim 19 is cancelled.

Rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph

Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite.

The Examiner also asserts that claim 1 recites the feature of "'an SFE' in line 82" without antecedent basis and that claim 20 recites the feature of "'a first SF node' in line 2" without antecedent basis.

The foregoing features appear to be recited in claim 2 rather than in claim 1 and claim 20.

Claim 2 is amended accordingly.

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-9 under 35 USC second paragraph and the rejections of claims 1 and 20 as allegedly reciting features without antecedent basis is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 10, and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Rajagopal (US 2015 2015/0227404) in view of Jokela (US 2016/0254998).

Claims 1, 10, and 19 are cancelled, thus obviating the foregoing rejections.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

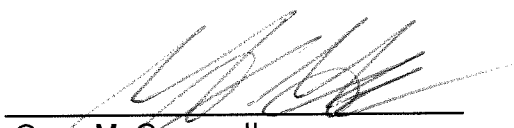
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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