

## PTO FEE LEGISLATION AND 5-YEAR PLAN

Note: Fees Effective Oct. 1, 2002 and Apply to Existing Applications and Patents

BASIC PAT. FEES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Filing Fee	740	300
Examination Fee	N/A	1,250
Issue Fee	1,280	1,660
Maintenance – 1 <sup>st</sup>	880	900
Maintenance – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2,020	3,000
Maintenance – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3,100	5,000
TOTAL FOR BASIC (Total for Proposed is 51 % Higher)	8,020	12,110

### FEES THAT AFFECT “BEHAVIOR” OF APPLICANTS

Sheets of Spec and Drawing in Excess of 50	None	Prescribed by Director
Independent Claims	\$78 per cl in excess of 3 cls	\$160 to \$640 for 4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> and afterwards 125 % more for each cl than for one before
Total Claims	\$18 per cl in excess of 20 cls	Scale rising from \$80 per cl in excess of 20 to \$640 per cl in excess of 35, and above 40 cls a scale that rises 125 % per cl for each group of 5 cls
Continuing Applications	None	Scale starting w/ \$1,000 for appl. that refers to more than 3 earlier appls
Claims Not Patentably Distinct	None	Scale starting w/ \$10,680 for one appl w/ cl not patentably distinct from another appl or patent (Prepared by IPO 6/24/02)