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In re Application of:  
Karavansky  
Application No.: 10/640,992  
Filed: August 14, 2003  
For: LINGUOGRAPHIC METHOD OF COMPILING  
WORD DICTIONARIES AND LEXICONS FOR  
THE MEMORIES OF ELECTRONIC  
SPEECH-RECOGNITION DEVICES

DECISION DENYING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed by facsimile transmission March 15, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Director exercise his supervisory authority and "cancel" the decision of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy mailed March 8, 2006, which upheld the decision of the Technology Center Director, which refused to assign a different examiner to the instant application.

The petition to cancel the decision of the Deputy Commissioner of Patent Examination Policy is **denied**.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.181(g), the authority to decide petitions to the Director of the USPTO has been delegated to various Office officials. As noted in MPEP 1002.02(b), paragraph 15, the Director has delegated the review of a Technology Center Director's decision to the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.

A decision rendered pursuant to delegated authority will not be reviewed by the Director except in unusual or exceptional circumstances. See *In re Staeger*, 189 USPQ 284 (Comm'r Pat. 1984). While petitioner does not agree with the decision of Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy mailed March 8, 2006, the lack of agreement by petitioner does not adequately demonstrate that such unusual or exceptional circumstances are present herein. *Id.* at 285. Inspection of the instant petition fails to reveal any arguments that differ substantively from those previously considered, much less a showing of such unusual or exceptional circumstances that would justify review by the Director in light of the principles discussed above.

Nevertheless, the decision of March 6, 2006, has been reconsidered, but the instant petition is denied as to making any change therein.

This application is being referred to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be addressed to Petitions Examiner Brian Hearn at (571) 272-3217.

  
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