

Remarks

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The applicant appreciates the examiner's indication that claim 14 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate this subject matter.

Claim 5 has been amended to correct the grounds for rejection under 35USC112, second paragraph.

The applicant thanks the examiner for the guidance on the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment. The applicant believes that the Amendment is now in the correct form.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the examiner believes that any matters are still at issue, he is requested to contact applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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