

REMARKS

The Amendment cancels claims 1 and 2 and adds claim 30. Claims 3-30 are currently pending.

In the specification, the paragraph [0021] has been amended to further point out the partially closed perforations 54 shown in the amended Figure 2. These were previously disclosed in claim 11. Paragraph [0023] has been amended to better describe the 1-2 inches of ash between the fuel and the moving grate, with particular reference to the Figures. This was previously disclosed in claim 4. No new matter has been added.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 11. All of the pending claims depend from one of these allowable claims. Claims 3 and 5-29 all depend from amended claim 4, which was amended to include claims 1 and 2, from which it depended. Claim 30 is based on originally filed claim 11, which was also identified as allowable.

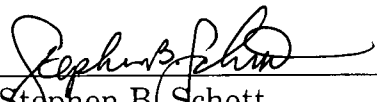
Several claims were amended to correct dependency.

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For the above reasons, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application the undersigned invites such a conference.

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Amendments to Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-3. The Figures were all amended to improve clarity, and Figure 2 in particular was amended to show the partially closed perforations. The amendments to the drawings add no new matter.