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I would like to voice my concern that the recent amendment to MPEP § 706.07(b) creates an undue burden on the public and should not be approved. I believe that this change makes it easier for an examiner to make the first action after an RCE final which deprives the applicant of the chance to have their arguments fairly heard by the USPTO. It also may increase the chance that an appeal will need to be filed. Either of these actions increases the time of prosecution and the cost to the applicant, both of which create an undue burden on the public; the recent amendment should not be approved and should be excised from the MPEP.