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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, JAMES E. HICKMAN of 14609 W. 90th Terrace, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 and SUSHIL NELSON of 6522 Flint, #102, Shawnee, Kansas 66202 have invented certain new and useful improvements in

FINANCIAL REBATE PROGRAM FOR UTILITIES BASED ON DEGREE DAYS

for which WE are about to make application for Letters Patent of
the United States; and

WHEREAS, AQUILA RISK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Dekaware and having its principal place of business at 2533 N. 117th Avenue, Suite 300, Omaha, Nebraska 68164 is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, WE, James E. Hickman and Sushil Nelson have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said AQUILA RISK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

- (a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared, and executed by me identified by Docket Number 25395 preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;
 - (b) said application;

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- (c) any and all refilings, divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application;
- (d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part;
- (e) any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;
- (f) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;
- (g) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;
- (h) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America which may issue from the said foreignfiled applications, refilings, divisions and continuations; and
- (i) any and all extensions of, and additions to, said

 Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of

 America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said AQUILA RISK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION for its own use and benefit, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and WE do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

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| STATE OF Missouri) COUNTY OF Jackson) ss. |
| on this 19th day of Jebruary |
| 1998, before me personally appeared James E. Hickman, to me known |
| to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing |
| instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the |
| same for the uses and purposes therein set forth. |
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