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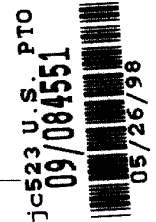
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Charles A. Glorioso of 4350 Lawrence Drive, Castro Valley, California 94546, hereafter referred to as "Assignor", has invented certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the below identified application for the United States Letter Patent:

Title of the invention: OPTICALLY COUPLED GAS METER;
execution date: 05/17/98; filing date: _____; Serial No. _____; and

WHEREAS, Diablo Research Company, LLC of 825 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94086, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same:

FOR good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor. Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application, all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and all future improvements thereon, and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been and enjoyed by Assignor had this assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or any division, renewal, continuation, in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that he will, without charge to the Assignee, but at the Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of the U. S. patent application and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto signed his name this 12 day of MAY, 1998

[Signature]
signature of Charles A. Glorioso

State of California
County of Santa Clara
Before me [Signature] a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

CHARLES A. GLORIOSO
personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he has executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in Sunnyvale, Calif. County of Santa Clara on the date set forth in this certificate.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires:

