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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Whereas we, Zbigniew Opalka of 25 Quarry Lane, Harvard, MA, Vijay Aggarwal of 25 Langelier Lane, Marlboro, MA, Thomas Kong of 175 Freeman Street, Brookline, MA, Christopher Firth of 28 John Alden Circle, Bellingham, MA and Carl Costantino of 7 Nutfield Drive, Londonderry, NH have invented certain improvements in A SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE FOR AND METHOD OF PROCESSING PACKETS AND/OR CELLS IN A COMMON SWITCH, and have described and claimed the same in an application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, said application having been executed by us of even date Werewitts, and filed in the USPTO on December 29, 1997, Serial No. 09/001,040

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Whereas, Networks an organization duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having a principal place of business at 1700 West Park Drive, Marlboro, MA 01581, hereinafter called the company, is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title and interest of, to and under the said invention, the said application for Letters Patent of the United States and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries that may be granted for the said invention:

Now, Therefore, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to us paid by the Company, the receipt of which in full is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Zbigniew Opalka, Vijay Aggarwal, Thomas Kong, Christopher Firth and Carl Costantino have sold, assigned, transferred and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the company, its respective successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, the said application for Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries that may be granted for the said invention, and all other patent rights that may be based thereon, including all renewals, divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof;

To Have, Hold and Enjoy the same to the Company, its successors and assigns, to its and their own use and behoof, to the full end of the term or terms for which the said Letters Patent or other patent rights may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same might have been held and enjoyed by us if no sale or assignment thereof had been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks or other proper governmental authority to issue all Letters Patent or other patent rights for the said invention resulting therefrom to the Company, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this assignment, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein and thereto, and covenant that we have full right so to do.

And for the considerations aforesaid, we agree that we will communicate to the Company, or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting the said invention, whenever requested, and will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the Company, its successors, assigns and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the said invention in all countries, or to perfect or defend its or their title in the premises.

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Witness our hands and seals at Marlboro, MA

day of December, 1997.

Zbigniew Opalka

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On this day of December, 1997, before me personally Zbigniew Opalka, Vijay Aggarwal, Thomas Kong, Christopher Firth and Carl Costantino, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

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