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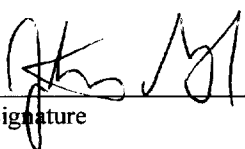
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- concurrently herewith
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I hereby authorize and request any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., Suite 2000, 6109 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9131, to insert the filing date and application number of said application above when known.

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