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County of Williamson

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and

(2) Ricky Lee Poston

County of Travis

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have invented certain improvement in

METHOD OF GEOMETRICALLY EXPANDING VERTICALLY COMPRESSED LISTS OF DATA

and executed a United States patent application therefore on

(Date Inventor Signed Declaration) (1) Dec 9,1998; and (2) Dec 9, 1998;

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefore;

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Signed at Custon (1) on

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