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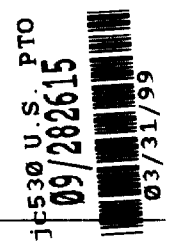
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Whereas, we,

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and
(2) Jeffrey L. Howard of Austin,
County of Travis and State of Texas,

and
(3) Ingrid M. Rodriguez of Austin,
County of Williamson and State of Texas,

have invented certain improvements in


CONFIGURATION OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS BASED UPON PURCHASERS COMPONENT NEEDS AS DETERMINED FROM PURCHASER DATA ENTRIES CORRELATED WITH A SET OF SELLER BUSINESS RULES TO OPTIMIZE QUANTITIES OF EACH COMPONENT SOLD

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) MARCH 30, 1999, and
(2) MAR 30, 1999, and (3) March 30, 1999.

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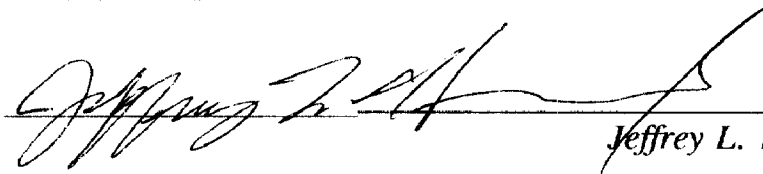
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