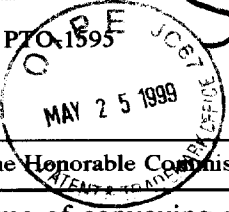


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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on May 4, 1999, which application is identified by Serial No. 09/297,600 (Pearne, Gordon, McCoy & Granger Docket No. 31634).

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