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City of Essex Junction
and state of Vermont

have invented certain improvements in

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING CONNECTIVITY
DATA OF AN AREA NETWORK**

and have executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

- (1) 3/27/99
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