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 General Partnership               Limited Partnership  
 Corporation:                       Other:  
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):  
Name: Eaton Corporation  
1111 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2584

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3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment                       Merger  
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4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): One  
A. Patent Application No.(s)  
  
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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): .....\$ 40.00

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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

Kevin D. Rutherford \_\_\_\_\_ *K D Rutherford* \_\_\_\_\_ 7/23/99  
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**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(Joint Inventors)**

WHEREAS, We, Kevin D. Snow, Matt W. Starks, Steven L. Melvin and Douglas C. Gooch (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 16810 E. DE Ave., Augusta, Michigan 49012; 7675 Eleven Mile Road, Burlington, Michigan 49029; 10481 Tomkinson Drive, Scotts, Michigan 49088 and 8086 Yorkville Lane, Richland, Michigan 49083 have invented new and useful improvements in:

**CONVERTIBLE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

which is set forth in a Patent Application in the United States executed on even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS, Eaton Corporation (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of 1111 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2584, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these present assigns, sells and sets over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignor had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignor hereby authorize and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the State of Michigan, this 19 day of  
July, 1999.

Kevin D. Snow  
Kevin D. Snow

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF Kalamazoo )

Before me personally appeared said Kevin D. Snow, and acknowledged the  
foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 19 day of July, 1999.

Vicki A. Worthington  
Notary Public

SEAL

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the State of Michigan, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Matt W. Starks  
Matt W. Starks

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COUNTY OF Kalamazoo )

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at Kalamazoo County, in the State of Michigan, this 19 day of July, 1999.

Steven L. Melvin  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF Kalamazoo )

Before me personally appeared said Steven L. Melvin, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 19 day of July, 1999.

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Notary Public

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at Kalamazoo County, in the State of Michigan, this 19 day of July, 1999.

Douglas C. Gooch  
Douglas C. Gooch

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF Kalamazoo )

Before me personally appeared said Douglas C. Gooch, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 19 day of July, 1999.

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