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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: _____ Larry S. Nixon</p> <p>Internal Address: _____</p> <p>Street Address: Nixon &amp; Vanderhye P.C.  1100 North Glebe Road  8<sup>th</sup> Floor</p> <p>City: Arlington State: VA Zip: 22201</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications &amp; patents involved: _____ 1</p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ _____ 40.00  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our <b>Account No. 14-1140.</b></p>
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# ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS WE:

Christopher Byham, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at Flat 2, Eversholt House, Grove Place, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 8SG, England, David John Law, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 12 Earls Holme, Kempston, Bedfordshire, MK42 8PG, England, Nicholas Mark Stapleton, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 102 Waterloo Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2QY, England, Edward Turner, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 36 Shenley Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire, WD7 7BD, England, Christopher Walker, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 2C Sandown Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD2 4DW, England and David Wright, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at Abbey Cottage, Higham Road, Tuddenham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6SG, England (hereinafter ASSIGNORS), have invented new and useful improvements in:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONFIGURATION OF STACKABLE UNITS IN PACKET-BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

for which an application for a patent for said invention in the United States of America is currently being executed and in respect of which an earlier application was filed as follows:

No. 9910895.3 in Great Britain on 12 May 1999

AND WHEREAS:

3Com Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having an office and place of business at 5400 Bayfront Plaza, Santa Clara, California 95952-8145, United States of America (US), hereinafter called ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the whole interest in and to the invention

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and by virtue of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNORS by these presents hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all other countries, as described in the accompanying specification, and the aforesaid British application, said right including the right to claim



Edward J Turner

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Name: Edward Turner

Date

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