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Kenneth C. Briskey
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of Hyde Park
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and

Marcos N. Novaes
County of Dutchess

of Hopewell Junction
State of New York

have invented certain improvements in

RELAXED QUORUM DETERMINATION FOR A QUORUM BASED OPERATION OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SYSTEM

and executed a United States Patent Application therefor on

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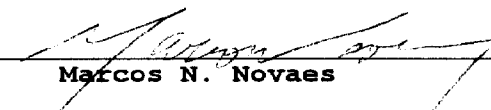
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Signed

at Hughkeepsie, NY
on August 26, 1999


Kenneth C. Briskey

at Hughkeepsie, NY
on August 26, 1999


Marcos N. Novaes