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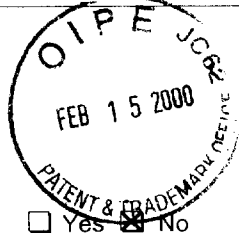
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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patent,

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

Internal Address: _____

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
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City: White Plains State: NY ZIP: 10604

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

08/689,832

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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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.

John J. Torrente

John J. Torrente

February 11, 2000

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ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we,

JOSÉ E. RODRIGUEZ, HOWARD M. CITRON AND
RICHARD C. COLARUSSO

respectively of 550 Thoreau Terrace, Union, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey; of 27 Truesdale Lake Drive, South Salem, in the County of Westchester and the State of New York; and of 19 Holly Hill Road, Marlboro, in the County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey; do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto

BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the State of , and having an office and place of business at 500 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York 10604, as the Assignee and to its successors,

assigns and nominees, all their right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Application No. 08/689,832, filed August 15, 1996, entitled Method and Apparatus for Treatment of Sediment, and the inventions therein together with any and all other applications and patents either United States or foreign upon the same invention which we may now or hereafter have, and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions and extensions thereof and all rights to obtain patents thereon, together with the right to apply for letters patent in foreign countries with full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted to us by law or by treaty, including any international convention.

And we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee,

BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC., its successors,

assignees and nominees, all facts known to us respecting said invention and will, upon their request at any time, but without expense to us sign all lawful papers, execute all original, divisional, substitute, continuing and reissue applications and assignments, make all rightful oaths, testify as to facts relating to said invention in any legal proceedings, and generally do everything reasonable and proper to aid said Assignee,

BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC., its successors,
assigns and nominees, to receive proper protection for said
invention in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed our seals on the dates indicated hereinafter,

Date: *January 14, 2000*

José E. Rodríguez

JOSÉ E. RODRIGUEZ

STATE OF *New Jersey*)
) : SS
COUNTY OF *Essex*)

On this day of , 2000, before me, the
subscriber, personally came JOSÉ E. RODRIGUEZ, to me known and known
to me to be the same person described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged to me that (he) (she)
executed the same as (his) (her) free act and deed.

(Seal)

Concetta D. Scalise

Notary Public
CONCETTA D. SCALISE
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 5/8/2002

Date: 1/5, 2000

Howard M. Citron
HOWARD M. CITRON

STATE OF *New York*)
 : SS
COUNTY OF *Westchester*

On this *5* day of *January*, 2000, before me, the subscriber, personally came HOWARD M. CITRON, to me known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged to me that (he) (she) executed the same as (his) (her) free act and deed.

(Seal)

NINA COZZUBO
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 01C04918364
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires March 14, ~~2000~~

Nina Cozzubo
Notary Public

Date: 1/5, 2000

Richard C. Colarusso
RICHARD C. COLARUSSO

STATE OF *NEW JERSEY*)
 : SS
COUNTY OF *MONTMOUTH*)

On this *5th* day of *January*, 2000, before me, the subscriber, personally came RICHARD C. COLARUSSO, to me known and known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged to me that (he) (she) executed the same as (his) (her) free act and deed.

(Seal)

Alida De Gaeta
Notary Public
ALIDA DE GAETA
Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires July 17, 2002