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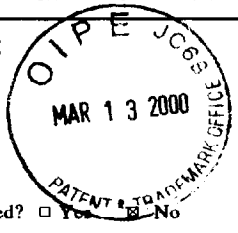


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Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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 Assignment  Merger  
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Street Address: 6055 Rockside Woods Boulevard  
City: Independence State: Ohio Zip: 44131

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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, Stephan U. Berger, of 84 Ashland County Road 1100, West Salem, Ohio 44287, have made new and useful inventions and improvements in

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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on November 24, 1999, which application is identified by Serial No. 09/449,205 (Pearne, Gordon, McCoy & Granger Docket No. 31179US1).

WHEREAS, AGA Gas, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, having a principal place of business at 6055 Rockside Woods Boulevard, Independence, Ohio 44131, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in and to said inventions and improvements including the patent rights therefor.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign and transfer unto assignee, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in and to said inventions and improvements and all patent applications, patents, patent rights, and inventor's certificates therefor, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, and all patents which may be granted for said inventions and improvements by states or nations other than the United States and all applications therefor, and I covenant and agree for myself and for my executors, administrators, and legal representatives that, at assignee's request, any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any right, title, interest in and to any application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, including the right to apply for and obtain patents in foreign countries under the provisions of the International Convention, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same.

Date: Nov 2, 2000

Stephan U. Berger  
Stephan U. Berger

STATE OF OHIO

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COUNTY OF WAYNE

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The above named Stephan U. Berger, known to me, appeared before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of MARCH, 2000, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed by him as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

*Katherine A. Gruver*  
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Notary Public

Notarial Seal

KATHERINE A. GRUVER  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State Of Ohio  
My Commission Expires, 8-15-2002

Date: 3-2-00

*Katherine A. Gruver*  
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Witness KATHERINE A. GRUVER

Date: 3-2-00

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