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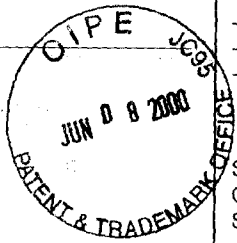


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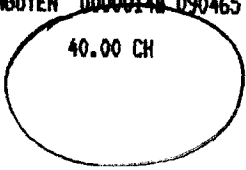
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and

(2) **Barry Lee Shepherd** City of **Rochester,**
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BACKPLANE POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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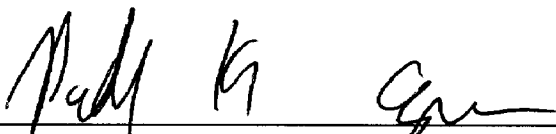
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