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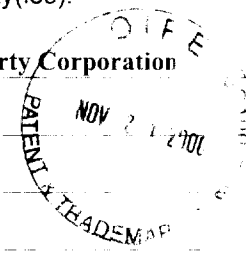
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**09/604,316**

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Gary R. Tidwell, residing at 4636 Summit Cove, Birmingham, Alabama 35226 and Jeffrey P. Ray, residing at 111 Havenwood Court, Birmingham, Alabama 35209 (hereinafter "Assignors") have invented certain new and useful improvements in TROUBLE TRACKING SYSTEM AND METHOD for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2000 and assigned serial number 09/604,316; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal office and place of business at 824 Market Street, Suite 510, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said invention and application above identified, and in, to, and under any Letters Patent that may be obtained for said invention, together with all foreign rights corresponding thereto, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by Assignors from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have agreed to sell, assign, and transfer and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under: said invention and application above identified; any Letters Patent of the United States of America that may be obtained in respect thereof; any corresponding applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all other areas of the world and any reissues, extensions, substitutions, confirmations, divisions, and continuations of any of the foregoing (hereinafter "Invention Rights"), to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of Assignee forever.

Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and for their respective legal representatives, to assist and cooperate with Assignee in the preparation and prosecution of any applications included within the Invention Rights and in the prosecution or defense of any interference, re-examination, re-issue, opposition, or other proceeding that may arise in connection with any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights and further to execute and deliver to Assignee any and all additional papers that may be requested by Assignee for the purpose of implementing the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

Assignors hereby authorize and empower Assignee to invoke and claim for any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights the benefit of any rights to which Assignors might be entitled under international law or under the laws of any particular country (such as, without limitation, the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended) and to invoke and claim such rights without further written or oral authorization from Assignors.

Assignors hereby consent that a copy of this ASSIGNMENT shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file, or like document that may be required in any particular country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended.

Assignors covenant and agree that this ASSIGNMENT and all of the terms hereof shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, legal representatives, or nominees of Assignee, without further written or oral authorization from Assignors.

Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue Letters Patent to Assignee in accordance with the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignors have respectively hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated below.

SIGNATURE: Gary R. Tidwell

NAME: Gary R. Tidwell

DATE: 10-27-2000

STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF Jefferson

I, Sharon Collins, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Gary R. Tidwell, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000.

(SEAL) Sharon Collins  
Notary Public

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: May 23, 2004  
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SIGNATURE: Jeffrey P. Ray  
NAME: Jeffrey P. Ray  
DATE: 10/27/00

STATE OF Alabama  
COUNTY OF Jefferson

I, Sharon Collins a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jeffrey P. Ray, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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