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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Thomas Matthew McCann, of Morrisville, North Carolina, Raghavendra Gopala Rao of Cary, North Carolina, and Robert Fulton West, Jr. of Raleigh, North Carolina (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ROUTING MESSAGES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK for which application for U.S. Letters Patent was made on December 22, 2000 and has been assigned Application Serial No. 09/747,070.

AND, WHEREAS, Tekelec, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of California, having its principal office and place of business at 26580 West Agoura Road, Calabasas, California (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with their right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Assignors hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, Assignors possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that they have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree, and likewise bind their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, to promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said invention, to testify in any

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Executed this 16 day of May 2001.

Thomas Matthew McCann
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Witnessed by:

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Executed this 9th day of May 2001.

Raghavendra Gopala Rao
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