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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
 Richard Jon CHEVRETTE  
 David Robert SKINNER  
 George Homer KIRBY, II  
 Christopher Edward WOLFE

*01/29/02*

Additional name/s of conveying party/ies attached?

3. Nature of conveyance:  
 Assignment  Merger  
 Security Assignment  Change of Name  
 Other

Execution Date: 01/14/02; 01/15/02; 1/25/02; 1/15/02

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

Name: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY  
 Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 1 River Road, Bldg 37

City: Schenectady  
 State/Country: New York  
 Zip: 12345

Additional name/s & address/es attached?  Yes  No

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):  
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A. Patent Application No(s).  
 (1) To be Assigned  
 (2)  
 (3)

B. Patent No(s).  
 (1)  
 (2)  
 (3)

Additional numbers attached  Yes  No

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

Name: Michelle N. Lester

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Street Address: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C.  
1100 North Glebe Road  
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6. Total number of applications & patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00  
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8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140.**

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9. Statements and signature.  
 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.

Michelle N. Lester *Michelle N. Lester* January 29, 2002  
 Name of Person Signing Signature Date  
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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which I/we acknowledge receipt, Richard Jon CHEVRETTE, David Robert SKINNER, George Horner KIRBY, II, and Christopher Edward WOLFE, of 11 Shepherd Drive, Troy, New York 12180; 10149 State Highway 30, Pattersonville, New York 12137; 1480 Division Street, Charlton, New York 12019; and 1455 Myron Street, Niskayuna, New York 12309, respectively, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in RETRACTABLE PACKING RING LOWER HALF SEGMENT RETAINING KEY AND METHOD FOR RETAINING RETRACTABLE PACKING RING LOWER HALF SEGMENT invented by us, as described in the application for United States Patent being filed herewith or, if applicable, which was filed on as Serial Number:

and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

January 14 2002  
Date

Richard Jon Chevrette  
Richard Jon CHEVRETTE

Witnessed by:

Name: Carl A. Greco

Date: 1/14/2002

Name: Thomas W. Sweet

Date: 1/19/2002

STATE OF New York)

ss):

COUNTY OF Schenectady)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, before me personally came the above-named, Richard Jon CHEVRETTE, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

January 15, 2002  
Date

David Robert Skinner  
David Robert SKINNER

Witnessed by:

Name: [Signature] Date: 1/16/02  
Name: Mark E. McPherson Date: 1/15/02

STATE OF New York)

ss):

COUNTY OF Schenectady)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, before me personally came the above-named, David Robert SKINNER, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

1/25/02  
Date

George Horner Kirby, II  
George Horner KIRBY, II

Witnessed by:

Name: [Signature] Date: 1/25/02

Name: [Signature] Date: 1/25/02

STATE OF New York)

ss):

COUNTY OF Schenectady)

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, before me personally came the above-named, George Horner KIRBY, II, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Christopher Edward WOLFE

Witnessed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

George Horner KIRBY, II

Witnessed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

1/16/02  
Date

Christopher Edward Wolfe  
Christopher Edward WOLFE

Witnessed by:

Name: David Robert Ikin Date: January 15, 2002

Name: Mark E. McPhelmy Date: January 15, 2002