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- ☒ United States of America rights, title and interest in the invention
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- ☒ United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/949,374  
Date of Filing: September 6, 2001
- ☒ United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/234,236

Title of the Invention: **Support Apparatus For Resistive Coils And Insulators In Electric Heaters**

Inventors (assignors): **H. Keith Howard  
James Lee Sherrill  
Ike D. Walker**

Assignee: **Tutco, Inc.  
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Whereas, we, the above-identified Inventors, have invented certain new and useful improvements in the Invention identified above and described in the above-identified patent application(s) and/or patent(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Invention");

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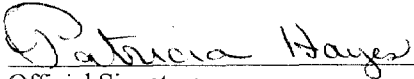
  
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