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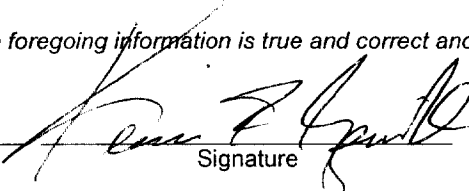
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A BILLING SYSTEM, AND BILLING SYSTEM

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Filing Date: January 22, 2003

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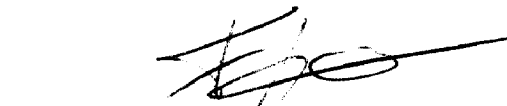
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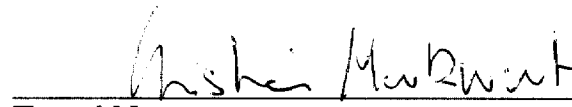
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