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WHEREAS, USF Consumer & Commercial WaterGroup, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at One Culligan Parkway, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, United States of America, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest to the patent application and inventions identified as:

U.S. Patent No. 6,644,349	Issued: November 11, 2003
Application No. 09/945,066	Filed: August 31, 2001
Entitled: IN-TANK WATER CONDITIONER VALVE	

WHEREAS, Culligan International Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at One Culligan Parkway, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, United States of America, desires to acquire all rights in said patents, patent applications, and any and all patents of all countries which may be granted for the said inventions, or any of them;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to it paid by Culligan International Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, USF Consumer & Commercial WaterGroup, Inc. does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Culligan International Company the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents, patent applications, all inventions therein disclosed and any and all patents of all other countries which may be granted for the said inventions, or any of them;

Said Culligan International Company, its successors and assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy the said inventions and the said Letters Patent to its and their own use and behalf to the full end of the term or terms for which the said Letters Patent have been and may be granted, including the right to sue for past infringement.

USF Consumer & Commercial WaterGroup, Inc.

December 10, 2003
Date

By JoAnn M. Sherman
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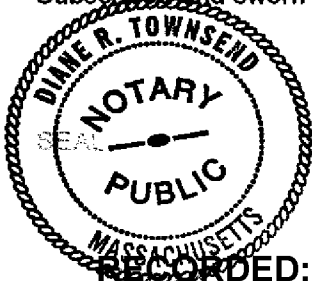
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 2003.



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