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City: Northbrook State: IL Zip: 60062  
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WHEREAS, USF Consumer & Commercial WaterGroup, Inc. of One Culligan Parkway, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, United States of America, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), is the owner of the entire right, title and interest to the patents (the "Patents") and patent applications (the "Applications") identified as:

Title	Application No.	Filing Date	U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date
VALVE FOR A FLUID TREATMENT SYSTEM	09/904,027	July 12, 2001	6,551,504	April 22, 2003

WHEREAS, Culligan International Company of One Culligan Parkway, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, United States of America, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), desires to acquire all rights in the Patents and Applications;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to it paid by ASSIGNEE, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents and Applications;

Said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy the Patents and Applications and the said Letters Patent relating thereto (the "Letters Patent") to its and their own use and behalf to the full end of the term or terms for which the Letters Patent have been and may be granted, including the right to sue for past infringement.

USF CONSUMER & COMMERCIAL WATERGROUP, INC.

January 8, 2004  
Date

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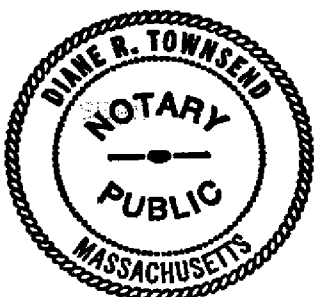
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State of Massachusetts  
County of Middlesex

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

Diane R. Townsend  
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