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County of Olmsted City of Rochester,
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- (2) WILLIAM P. HOVIS
County of Olmsted City of Rochester,
and State of Minnesota,

have invented certain improvements in

**DEVICE HAVING SPARE I/O AND METHOD
OF USING A DEVICE HAVING SPARE I/O**

and have executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

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