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(Title of Application) containing Water-soluble or water-swellable, associatively thickening copolymers containing sulfo groups, method for producing the same and use thereof for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed concurrently herewith unless otherwise indicated.

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