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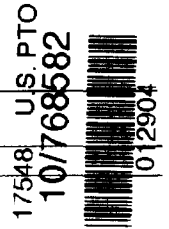
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AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed above) are inventor(s) of an invention entitled
"System and Method for Network Topology Discovery" as described and claimed in
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referenced above;

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