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Third Assignor Date of Execution

Susane K. Nemezc **October 19, 2004**
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Fifth Assignor Date of Execution

Sixth Assignor Date of Execution

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? YES NO

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: **ELSTER ELECTRICITY, LLC**

Street Address: **208 South Rogers Lane**

City: **Raleigh**

State **North Carolina** ZIP **27610**

Additional name(s) & address attached? YES NO

3. Nature of Conveyance (check only one):

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4. Identification of Application number(s), patent number(s) OR date of execution of application to which assignment refers:

Application Nos.:	Patent Nos.:	Date application was signed by the first named executing inventor
10/949,927		(Fill-in this date only if assignment is filed together with a new application)

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning documents should be mailed.

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: **1**

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**PATENT
Joint Inventors
(New Application)**

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we **Russell G. Christopher, Raymond Kelley, Dileep Rudran and Susane K. Nemezc**, hereinafter referred to as the assignors, residing respectively at 704 Neuse Ridge Drive, Clayton, North Carolina 27520; 14001 Bingham Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27614; 408 Burgwin Wright Way, Cary, North Carolina 27519; and 2225 Dungiven Court, Garner, North Carolina 27529, are the joint inventors of certain inventions or improvements for which we have made application for Letters Patent to the United States, identified as Application No. 10/949,927, filed **September 24, 2004**, entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CREATING MULTIPLE OPERATING TERRITORIES WITHIN A METER READING SYSTEM**; and

WHEREAS, **Elster Electricity, LLC** hereinafter referred to as the assignee, of **208 S. Rogers Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions or improvements and in and to the said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in any and all countries:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the said assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to said assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions or improvements and said application and any and all continuations, divisions and renewals of and substitutes for said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States and any and all other countries, and any reissue or reissues or extension or extensions of said Letters Patent, including the full right to sue for and collect damages for past violations of provisional rights having arisen from any publication of said application or any continuations, divisions, or renewals of or substitutes for said application. We further assign to and authorize said assignee, to file in our names applications for Letters Patent in all countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent respectively may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

AND we hereby covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and we further covenant and agree that we will each time request is made and without undue delay, execute and deliver all such papers as may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said inventions or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent to said assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees, or legal representatives, and each of us agrees to communicate to said assignee or to its nominee all known facts respecting said inventions or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all disclaimers and divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, to make all rightful oaths, and generally to do everything

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Date 10/19/2004

Dileep Rudran (L.S.)

STATE OF North Carolina : SS
COUNTY OF Wake :

On this 19 day of October, year of 2004, before me personally came the above named Dileep Rudran to me personally known and known to me to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that execution of the same was of that person's own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

Dickson B. Howell
Notary Public

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10/19/2004
Date

Susane K. Nemezc (L.S.)
Susane K. Nemezc

STATE OF North Carolina : SS
COUNTY OF Wake :

On this 19 day of October, year of 2004, before me personally came the above named Susane K. Nemezc to me personally known and known to me to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that execution of the same was of that person's own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

Debra B. Howell
Notary Public