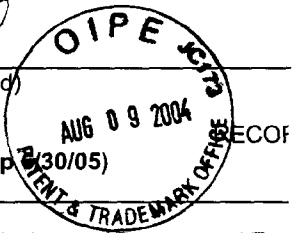


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WHEREAS, **Neil A. McCord**, having a personal address at 525 Stonehaven Drive, Fayetteville, Georgia 30215; **Joseph R. Rostron**, having a personal address at 148 Darwish Drive, McDonough, Georgia 30228; and **John M. Wolka**, having a personal address at 130 Pelham Court, Fayetteville, Georgia 30215 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS) are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "**INTERNALLY SWITCHED ELECTRIC POWER INTERRUPTER**" as described and claimed in the specification forming part of a U.S. non-provisional application for United States letters patent, application serial no. **10/836,181**; filed on **April 30, 2004**;

WHEREAS, **Southern States, LLC**. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Georgia, having a place of business at 30 Georgia Ave., Hampton, Georgia 30228, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Georgia, on this 7th day of May, 2004, personally appeared **Neil A. McCord**, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

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