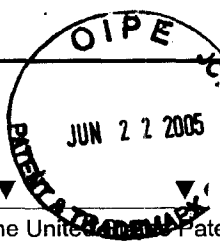


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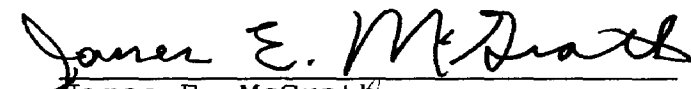

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WITNESSETH, my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

  
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