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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Charles D. Tatro, Jason F. Taylor, and David P. Wiland, ASSIGNORS, citizens of the United States, residing at 49 George Street, Mendon, Massachusetts 01756, 82 Brittany Farms Road, Apartment 221, New Britain, Connecticut 06503, and 2408 Mill Pond Drive, South Windsor, Connecticut 06074, respectively, are the inventors of the invention of METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A STEP-UP PROVISION IN A DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH A RISING GUARANTEED STEP-UP for which is identified by Ward & Olivo docket no. 392-050a and filed herewith;

and WHEREAS, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, ASSIGNEE, a Connecticut Corporation with an address of 1 Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut 06155, Hartford County, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all application for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

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AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree 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.

