



**ASSIGNMENT**

In accordance with obligations entered into pursuant to an Employee Innovation and Proprietary Information Agreement or other agreement and/or for other good and valuable consideration of which I acknowledge receipt, I, **Michael JOHNSON**, of 234 Freeland Drive, Collegeville, PA 19426-2677; hereby sell and assign to GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), its successors and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention and improvements invented and originated by me and described in the application for United States Patent currently entitled

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- signed as of even date,
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and any and all applications for patent and patents therefrom in any and all countries, including all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, and reissues thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said inventions and improvements resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns, and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, I will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to me respecting said inventions and improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reexamination, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention and its improvements in all countries.

Michael JOHNSON

Michael Johnson

Date: 11-14-2007

State of PA SS:  
County of MONTGOMERY

This 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2007, before me personally came the above-named Michael JOHNSON, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Seal

[Signature]  
(Notary Public)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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John W. [Signature], Notary Public  
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My Commission Expires 06/30/10  
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