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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS We, Eugene Meehan of Washington, D.C., Chantale LaCasse of New York, New York and David Salant of Tiburon, California have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in United States provisional patent application, entitled <u>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER-BASED AUCTIONING OF BASIC GENERATION SERVICES</u>, for which an application for United States provisional application was filed on <u>October 8, 2003</u>, and identified by United States Serial No. 10/680,407;

AND WHEREAS, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., having an address of 1166 Avenue of Americas, New York, New York 10036, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt for and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, We do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto National Economic Research Associates, Inc., its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, any patent applications in the United States and foreign countries, any provisional applications, including U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/416,570, filed October 8, 2002, original applications, formal applications, continuation applications, continuations-in-part applications, continued prosecution applications, request for continued examination applications, divisional applications, reissue applications, re-examinations or extensions thereof, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention, and all rights to claim priority therefrom and/or thereto; and any copyright or designs associated with or in said invention; and all rights of action and damages for any past, present or future infringement relating thereto, including all rights of actions and damages from publication of the patent applications and/or issuance of any patent relating thereto;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, We hereby agree with the said assignee that We will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that We will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexamined, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee;

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of HALE and DORR LLP the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification, including the application number and filing date, which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document

AND We request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said National Economic Research Associates, Inc., its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.

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Eugene Meehan	Date
Chantale LaCasse	7-19-2004 Date
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On this day of to be the person named in and who executed the above in and purposes therein set forth.	, 20, before me personally appeared David Salant, to me known strument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses
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