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**DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. 1.63) FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 C.F.R. 1.76) AND ASSIGNMENT**

Title of Invention: RELIABLE LINK LAYER FOR CONTROL LINKS BETWEEN NETWORK
CONTROLLERS AND SWITCHES

As a below named and undersigned inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to the attached application, or (if following box is checked):

☐ United States application or PCT international application number _____
filed on _____.

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the
application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application, including the claims.

I am aware of the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information
known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR Section 1.56.

Whereas, I ("ASSIGNOR") have made certain inventions, improvements, and discoveries (herein referred
to as the "Invention") disclosed in the above-identified patent application and further identified by the
IBM Docket Number provided above in the header of this document;

Whereas, International Business Machines Corporation (herein referred to as the "ASSIGNEE"), a
corporation of New York having a place of business at Armonk, New York, desires to acquire, and I
desire to grant to the ASSIGNEE, my entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to the Invention and
in and to any and all patent applications and patents directed thereto;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency thereof being hereby
acknowledged, I hereby sell or have sold, assign or have assigned, and otherwise transfer or have
transferred to the ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, my entire worldwide
right, title, and interest in and to the Invention, the above-identified United States patent application, and
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(1) Legal Name of Inventor: Casimer M. DeCusatis

Signature: Casimer M. DeCusatis Date: 3/12/2013

(2) Legal Name of Inventor: Rajaram B. Krishnamurthy

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

(2) Legal Name of Inventor: **Rajaram B. Krishnamurthy**

Signature: Rajaram Krishnamurthy
Date: March 12, 2013