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Sue Kantrowitz Authorized Signer's Printed Name VP + general counsel Title

Nominated by: _____ (Steering Group Member)

Application Accepted by the Hydra Steering Group: Yes No Date: _____

Hydra Steering Group Authorized Signature: _____
(Name)



Hydra Project

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Hydra Originating Steering Group Members – March 26, 2012

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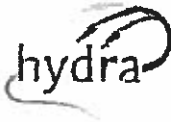
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II. Intellectual Property Licensing and Ownership

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III. Project Membership and Governance

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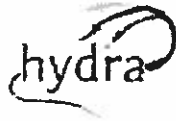
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