

# Exhibit 18

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In re reexamination of  
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DILTS *et al.*  
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For: **OBJECT-ORIENTED  
TELEPHONY SYSTEM**

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**Supplemental Statement of Substance of Interview  
In Accordance With 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b)**

*Mail Ex Parte Reexam*

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Sir:

Further to the *Ex Parte* Reexamination Interview Summary dated December 21, 2010 (“Interview Summary”), and to Applicants’ Statement of Substance of the Personal Interview Held on December 14, 2010, Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b) included in the Patent Owner’s Response to First Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.550 in *Ex Parte* Reexamination dated December 23, 2010 (“Applicants’ Statement of Substance of the Personal Interview”), Applicants submit the following supplemental statement of the substance of the interview in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b) (“Supplemental Statement”).

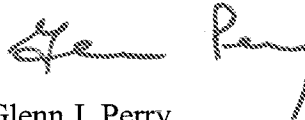
As stated in Applicants’ Statement of Substance of the Personal Interview, a presentation summarizing Applicants’ arguments was given by Apple and discussed by the interview attendees, and a copy of the presentation slides was given to Examiner Hughes for entry into the record. Applicants note that a copy of the presentation slides are not yet available in the USPTO’s Public PAIR system. Accordingly, Applicants have

attached a copy of the presentation slides to this Supplemental Statement. The attached slides are identical to the slides that were presented at the December 14, 2010, interview.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided with any inquiries regarding this Supplemental Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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object-oriented software. Dr. Wilson's declaration provides his technical opinions on the technical teachings of the applied NeXTSTEP documents.

***II. Status of the Claims Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.530(e)***

Claims 1-24 are pending. No amendments to the claims are sought, and therefore no explanation for support under 37 C.F.R. § 1.530(e) is required.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over NeXTSTEP I in view of NeXTSTEP II. Based on the following remarks, Patent Owner Apple respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

***III. Statement of Substance of the Personal Interview Held on December 14, 2010 Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.560(b)***

Apple would like to thank Examiner Hughes and her Conferees Examiners Keasel and Leung for the interview held on December 14, 2010 at the USPTO. In attendance at the interview for Apple were inventor Michael R. Dilts, technical expert David A. Wilson, Ph.D., Apple's Chief Patent Counsel R. "Chip" Lutton (Reg. No. 39,756), and Apple's representatives Robert G. Sterne (Reg. No. 28,912), Glenn J. Perry (Reg. No. 28,458), Richard D. Coller III (Reg. No. 60,390), and Salvador M. Bezos (Reg. No. 60,889).

During the interview, differences between the pending claims, with attention to claim 1, and the applied documents were discussed. A presentation summarizing the arguments presented herein was given by Apple and discussed by the interview attendees, and a copy of the presentation slides was given to Examiner Hughes for entry into the record. The remainder of this Response reiterates and expands upon arguments presented at the interview.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.