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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Joseph Michael Christie
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTROL

Group No.: A. Patel
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RESPONSE

Dear Ajit Patel,

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2000, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks. An RCE is enclosed. A two-month extension of time is requested and authorized in the transmittal.

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In the Claims

Please replace claims 1 and 21 with the following:

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1. (twice amended) A method for controlling communications, the method comprising:
receiving information from a communications path into a device;
receiving signaling formatted for a narrowband system into a processing system
that is external to any communication switches;
selecting a code in the processing system based on the signaling;
transferring the code to the device; and
transmitting a packet of the information from the device using the code.

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21. (twice amended) A method for controlling communications, the method comprising:
receiving voice information from a communications path into a device;
receiving signaling formatted for a narrowband system into a processing system
that is external to any communication switches;
selecting a logical address in the processing system based on the signaling;
transferring the logical address to the device; and
transmitting a packet of the voice information from the device using the logical
address.

Applicant submits that there are additional reasons for patentability, but such reasons are moot in light of the above remarks, and additional remarks are omitted in the interests of brevity.

Respectfully submitted,


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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER


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