# A SWITCHING DEVICE AND A METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

## ABSTRACT

A switching device being operable in two or more states and a method of controlling a plurality of switching devices using an external device are provided, the device comprises a switching module configured to perform switching for an electric circuit; a communication module coupled to the processor module, the communication module being configured to effect communication between the switching device and an external device, and the communication module being further configured to interact with a communication field generated by the external device for obtaining power off said interaction; a processor module for controlling the switching module, the processor module being configured to process a selection signal transmitted from the external device to determine whether the switching device is selected for communications; wherein if the switching device is selected, the switching device switches to an active state and the processor module is configured to respond to instructions transmitted from the external device; or if the switching device is not selected, the switching device switches to an inactive state and the processor module is configured to ignore instructions transmitted from the external device; and further wherein at least one status indicator is provided to show a selection status of the switching device based on the selection signal.

**FIG. 3**