

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LENGTH DEPENDENT
SELECTIVE CALL MESSAGE HANDLING**

Abstract

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A portable electronic device, such as a radio pager (10), is designed to receive operating energy from a battery (42). The portable electronic device (10) comprises a battery energy monitoring circuit (26) for coupling to the
10 battery (42) to measure the operating energy thereof and for generating a low cell signal (46) if the operating energy falls below a predetermined threshold value. The portable electronic device (10) also comprises a clock (30) for
15 generating a time signal indicative of real time, an output device (44) for providing information to a user, and a controller (18) coupled to the stored energy monitoring circuit (26) and the clock (30) for providing an activation
signal to the output device (44) to generate a user perceptible low cell alert in response to detection of the
20 low cell signal (46) and determination that the time signal is within a predetermined time period.

