

CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION BY A MULTICHANNEL SELECTIVE CALL RECEIVER

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Abstract of the Disclosure

10 A selective call receiver (10) with a receiver (11) and controller (13)
and supported by more than one channel within a communication
environment. Controller (13) is adapted to control receiver (11) in receiving
information when synchronized to a channel (16). The information on the
channel (16) is provided in accordance with a messaging protocol for the
communication environment. If the channel (16) is a valid channel that
15 provides information specifically addressed to selective call receiver (10),
controller (13) then controls receiver (11) in receiving the information. If the
channel (16) is an invalid channel but has a messaging protocol usable by
selective call receiver (10), controller (13) then controls receiver (11) in
maintaining synchronization to the channel (16) so that battery power for
20 selective call receiver (10) is conserved while searching for valid channels.

FIG. 2 accompanies this abstract.