

CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION BY A MULTICHANNEL SELECTIVE CALL RECEIVER

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Abstract of the Disclosure

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 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 selective call receiver (10) is conserved while searching for valid channels.

FIG. 2 accompanies this abstract.



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