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**ABSTRACT**

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AWARDED  
AT LEAST ONE JACKPOT PRIZE**

5           At step 40 the parameters for the jackpot are initialised, including a storage criterion and  
an award criterion. At step 41 the current value of the jackpot prize pool is calculated. At step 42  
the CPU 2 checks whether the storage criterion has been met. If so, the currently accumulated  
value of the jackpot prize pool is stored at step 43 in memory 6 as a pending jackpot, along with  
the award criterion that is associated with that pending jackpot. The jackpot parameters are then  
10   redefined and the accumulation of as new jackpot prize pool is ready to commence. A number of  
pending jackpots may be concurrently stored in memory 6, each with an associated stored award  
criterion. At step 46 the CPU 2 determines if any of the award criterions that are associated with  
the pending jackpots have been met and if so, the associated pending jackpot prize is awarded at  
step 47 in accordance with a jackpot prize distribution scheme.

15   Fig. 4