

**BATTERY SAVING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING
SELECTIVE RECEIVER POWER SWITCHING**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A battery saving apparatus (220, 222, 236, 238) selectively supplies power to selected receiver functions (214, 216, 218, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234) of a battery powered communication receiver at predetermined time intervals prior to and continuing therefrom for enabling the reception of coded message signals. The selective supplying of power to the selected receiver functions (214, 216, 218, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234) enables the reception of the coded message signals with the selected receiver functions (214, 216, 218, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234) being powered only as long as is required for the selected receiver functions (214, 216, 218, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234) to stabilize. The predetermined time intervals for the selected receiver functions (214, 216, 218, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234) are programmed into a code plug (240) to provide the capability to change the turn-on times when required.

25 Fig. 2 accompanies this abstract.