Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication apparatus, comprising:

a first wireless communication device located in a cab portion of a vehicle and available to [[the]] a user of the vehicle, wherein the first wireless communication device comprises a display indicator and is configured to:

couple to a dispatch center via a first wireless communication network;

couple, via a wired data link, to a second wireless communication device, wherein the second wireless communication device is coupled to a second wireless communication network ~~that facilitates~~ and is configured to facilitate two-way data communication ~~between~~ with the dispatch center ~~and the second wireless communication device~~;

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over the first wireless communication network, receive ~~from~~ via the second wireless communication device over the wired data link a communication request signal originating from the dispatch center causing the display indicator to indicate an alert; and

supply a communication request confirmation signal to the dispatch center to confirm the communication request signal was received.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the display indicator is selected from the group of indicators consisting of a light, a vibration, a text display, and a ring tone.

3. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving, by a first wireless communication device, a display signal from a second wireless communication device over a wired data link, wherein the display signal is generated at the second wireless communication device based on a communication request sent to the second wireless communication device by the dispatch center when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to [[the]] a user in the vehicle, the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer

portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network; and

causing a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert based on the display signal, wherein the user is alerted that the ~~dispatcher~~ dispatch center wishes to communicate.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein causing the display indicator to indicate includes causing the display indicator to at least one of illuminate, vibrate, ring, or display a text message.

5. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication apparatus, comprising:

a second wireless communication device located in a trailer portion of a vehicle, wherein the second wireless communication device is configured to:

couple to a second wireless communication network ~~that facilitates~~ for facilitating two-way data communication ~~between~~ with a dispatch center ~~and the second wireless communication device~~;

couple, via a wired data link, to a first wireless communication device, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and is available to [[the]] a user of the vehicle, comprises a display indicator, and is configured to couple to the dispatch center via a first wireless communication network; [[and]]

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over the first wireless communication network, transmit to the first wireless communication device over the wired data link a communication request signal originating from the dispatch center causing the display indicator to indicate an alert[[,]]; and

~~wherein the second wireless communication device is further configured to~~ supply a communication request confirmation signal to the dispatch center to confirm the communication request signal was received.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, comprising:

receiving a communication request sent by a dispatch center at a second wireless communication device, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network;

generating a display signal at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request; and

transmitting to the first wireless communication device the display signal from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert [[and]] for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatcher wishes to communicate.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising supplying a communication request confirmation signal to the dispatch center to confirm the communication request signal was received by the second wireless communication device.

9. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication apparatus to alert a user of a vehicle when out of network that a communication is desired, the wireless communication apparatus comprising:

a dispatch center configured to:

couple to a first wireless communication device via a first wireless communication network, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and is available to the user of the vehicle, and comprises a display indicator;

couple to a second wireless communication device via a second wireless communication network ~~that facilitates~~ to facilitate two-way data communication ~~between the dispatch center and~~ with the second wireless communication device ~~network~~, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle and is coupled via a wired data link to [[a]] the first wireless communication device; and

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over the first wireless communication network, transmit to the second wireless

communication device a communication request signal that causes the second wireless communication device to transmit to the first wireless communication device over the wired data link the communication request signal causing the display indicator to indicate an alert.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the dispatch center is further configured to receive a communication request confirmation signal from the second wireless communication device to confirm the communication request signal was received.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, comprising:

entering into, by a dispatch center, a two-way data communication with a second wireless communication device over a second wireless communication network, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle;

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, sending a communication request to the second wireless communication device by the dispatch center, wherein the communication request causes a display signal to be generated at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request, wherein the display signal is transmitted to the first wireless communication device from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert ~~and the user is alerted~~ for alerting the user that the dispatch center wishes to communicate.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising receiving a communication request confirmation signal by the dispatch center from the second wireless communication device to confirm the communication request signal was received.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, comprising:

means for receiving by the first wireless communication device a display signal from a second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless

communication device to the second wireless communication device, wherein the display signal is generated at the second wireless communication device based on a communication request sent to the second wireless communication device by [[the]] a dispatch center when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network; and

means for causing a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert based on the display signal~~, wherein~~ for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatcher wishes to communicate.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means for causing the display indicator to indicate includes means for causing the display indicator to at least one of illuminate, vibrate, ring, or display a text message.

15. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory storage medium comprising program instructions which are computer-executable to implement alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, and which when executed perform the steps of:

receiving by the first wireless communication device a display signal from a second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, wherein the display signal is generated at the second wireless communication device based on a communication request sent to the second wireless communication device by [[the]] a dispatch center when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network; and

causing a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert based on the display signal~~, wherein~~ for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatcher wishes to communicate.

16. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory storage medium of claim 15, wherein causing the display indicator to indicate includes causing the display indicator to at least one of illuminate, vibrate, ring, or display a text message.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, comprising:

means for receiving a communication request sent by a dispatch center at a second wireless communication device, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network;

means for generating a display signal at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request; and

means for transmitting to the first wireless communication device the display signal from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert [[and]] for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatcher wishes to communicate.

18. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory storage medium comprising program instructions which are computer-executable to implement alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, and which when executed perform the steps of:

receiving a communication request sent by a dispatch center at a second wireless communication device, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle, and the dispatch center and the second wireless communication device are in two-way data communication over a second wireless communication network;

generating a display signal at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request; and

transmitting to the first wireless communication device the display signal from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert [[and]] for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatcher wishes to communicate.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for alerting a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, comprising:

means for entering into, by a dispatch center, a two-way data communication with a second wireless communication device over a second wireless communication network, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle;

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, means for sending a communication request to the second wireless communication device by the dispatch center, wherein the communication request causes a display signal to be generated at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request, wherein the display signal is transmitted to the first wireless communication device from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert [[and]] for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatch center wishes to communicate.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for receiving a communication request confirmation signal by the dispatch center from the second wireless communication device to confirm the communication request signal was received.

21. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory storage medium comprising program instructions which are computer-executable to implement alerting a user of a first wireless communication

device located in a vehicle that a dispatcher wishes to communicate with the user, and which when executed perform the steps of:

entering into, by a dispatch center, a two-way data communication with a second wireless communication device over a second wireless communication network, wherein the second wireless communication device is located in a trailer portion of the vehicle;

when the first wireless communication device loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, sending a communication request to the second wireless communication device by the dispatch center, wherein the communication request causes a display signal to be generated at the second wireless communication device based on the communication request, wherein the display signal is transmitted to the first wireless communication device from the second wireless communication device over a wired data link coupling the first wireless communication device to the second wireless communication device, the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle, and the display signal causes a display indicator on the first wireless communication device to indicate [[said]] an alert [[and]] for alerting the user ~~is alerted~~ that the dispatch center wishes to communicate.

22. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory storage medium of claim 21, further comprising receiving a communication request confirmation signal by the dispatch center from the second wireless communication device to confirm the communication request signal was received.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communication request signal comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the communication request comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the communication request signal comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the communication request signal comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the communication request signal comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the second wireless communication device has a larger communication coverage area than that of the first wireless communication device.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the communication request signal comprises actual communication data originating from the dispatch center.