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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO INDICATE COMMUNICATION IS WANTED OR WAITING

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(Applications filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The applicant's amendment, received on 6-17-14, overcomes the examiner's rejection. He therefore allows claims 1-5 and 7-22 and cancels claims 6 and 23-34.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- 1. A Terminal Disclaimer was previously received and Entered.
- 2. The "means for" claims have been addressed and no 35 USC 112 6th issues exist.
- 3. The applicant has amended as per the recommendations of the examiner. He therefore believes the claims to be allowable over at least the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen D'Agosta whose telephone number is (571)272-7862. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am to 5pm.

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/Stephen D'Agosta/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2643