

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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

1. (Currently Amended) A system to provide an indication to a user of a first wireless communication device located in a vehicle that a communication is waiting or wanted, the system comprising:

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

a second wireless communication device located in a trailer portion of the vehicle;
a dispatch center;

a data link connecting the first communication device and the second communication device;

a first wireless communication network connecting the first wireless communication device to the dispatch center; and

a second wireless communication network facilitating two-way data communication between the second wireless communication device and the dispatch center, wherein when the first wireless communication device is outside of the first wireless communication network, the dispatcher can alert the user of the first wireless communication device that the communication is waiting or wanted by causing the second wireless communication device to send a signal to the first wireless communication device causing the display indicator to indicate said alert.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first wireless communication device is a digital wireless communication device.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the second wireless communication device is a combination digital and analog wireless communication device.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second wireless communication device comprises at least a satellite communication device.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first wireless communication network and the second wireless communication network are identical.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second wireless communication network encompasses the first wireless communication network.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first wireless communication device is coupled to the second wireless communication device by a data link.
8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the data link is a wired link.
9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display indicator is selected from the group of indicators consisting of: a light, a vibration, a text display, or a ring tone.
10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the first wireless communication device and the wireless second communication device are mounted in [[a]] the vehicle.
11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the vehicle is selected from a group of vehicles consisting of: a car, a truck, a train, a plane, or a boat.
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the first wireless communication device is portable.

13. (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;

sending a communication request to the second wireless communication device when a first wireless communication device ~~is outside of~~ loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication network, wherein the first wireless communication device is located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user in the vehicle;

receiving the communication request at the second wireless communication device;

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

transmitting the display signal to the first wireless communication device over a data link between the second wireless communication device and the first wireless communication device;

receiving the display signal at the first wireless communication device; and

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

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of causing the display indicator to indicate causes the display indicator to at least one of illuminate, vibrate, ring, or display a text message.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the first communication device is portable.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of: supplying a communication request confirmation signal to the dispatcher to confirm the communication request signal was received by the second wireless communication device.

17. (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 first wireless communication device located in a cab portion of the vehicle and available to the user of the vehicle;

a second wireless communication device located in a trailer portion of the vehicle;

a second wireless communication ~~device~~ network to facilitate two-way data communication between a dispatch center and the second wireless communication device; and

a data link coupling the first wireless communication device and the second wireless communication device, wherein the second wireless communication device can send a communication request signal originating from the dispatch center to the first wireless communication device over the data link when the first wireless communication device ~~is outside of~~ loses connection with the dispatch center over a first wireless communication ~~device~~ network.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the first wireless communication device network is connectable to the first wireless communication device.

19. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the data link is wired.

20. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the data link is wireless.