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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A communications network comprising:

a communications channel;

a server;

5   a primary device in communication with said server through said communications channel, wherein said primary device comprises a component adapted to <u>(i)</u> receive one or more computer programs including one or more queries, instructions or messages <u>as a first digital file</u> from said server, <u>(ii)</u> convert the <u>first</u>

10   <u>digital file</u> ~~one or more computer programs~~ into <u>synthesized</u> audio transmissions, ~~and audibly transmit said audio transmissions~~ <u>(iii) present said synthesized audio transmissions to an individual through a speaker and (iv) receive audible responses from said individual</u>; and

15   a secondary device operatively connected to said primary device, wherein said secondary device <u>(i)</u> is adapted to be operated by ~~an~~ <u>said</u> individual in response to said <u>synthesized</u> audio transmissions <u>and (ii) comprises a user interface adapted to receive input responses from said individual and convert said input</u>

20   <u>responses to a second digital file through speech recognition</u>.

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2.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The network of claim 1, wherein said component comprises an audio processor adapted to:

receive a first set of electrical signals corresponding to any of said queries, instructions, and messages;

convert said first set of electrical signals to a second set of electrical signals capable of being audibly synthesized; and

audibly synthesize said second set of electrical signals.

3.   (ORIGINAL) The network of claim 1, wherein the primary and secondary devices are housed within a single housing unit.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The network of claim 3, wherein said housing unit comprises a household appliance.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network of claim 1, wherein said component comprises an audio processor adapted to detect said audible responses ~~audio transmissions~~, and convert the detected audible responses ~~audio transmissions~~ to data transmissions.

6.   (ORIGINAL) The network of claim 5, wherein said primary device comprises a transmitter adapted to transmit said

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data transmissions generated by said audio processor to said server.

7.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The network of claim 1, wherein said server is adapted to generate said computer programs that are executable by said secondary device.

8.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The network of claim 7, wherein said secondary device comprises a user interface adapted to (i) output said any of queries, instructions, or messages, and (ii) input responses to said any of queries, instructions, or messages.

9.   (ORIGINAL) The network of claim 8, wherein said output comprises any of visual output and audio output, and wherein said input comprises any of data entry input, graphic user interface input, and audio input.

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for communicating with a household appliance, said system comprising:

a communications channel where a portion of the channel is a wireless channel;

5   a server; and

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