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premises equipment system, a premises component, and a premises appliance, wherein the second signal is transmitted to the first processing device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, and further wherein the second signal is automatically received by the first processing device, wherein the first signal is transmitted to and automatically received by a third processing device, wherein the third processing device is associated with or located at the premises, wherein the third processing device at least one of generates and transmits a third signal for at least one of activating, de-activating, disabling, re-enabling, and controlling an operation of, the at least one of a premises system, a premises device, a premises equipment, a premises equipment system, a premises component, and a premises appliance, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 44.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 8-10, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130 do not disclose or suggest the recited apparatus wherein the recited first processing device is associated with a web site.

Applicant further submits that claims 1, 8-10, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130 do not disclose or suggest the

recited first processing device which at least one of generates and transmits the recited first signal in response to the recited second signal and which determines whether the recited operation associated with information contained in the recited second signal is an authorized operation.

Applicant further submits that claims 1, 8-10, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130 do not disclose or suggest the recited second signal which is transmitted to the recited first processing device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 8-10, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130 do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 44. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 44, is patentable over Claims 1, 8-10, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,130. In view of the foregoing, allowance of independent Claim 44 is respectfully requested.

Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 66, lines 2-10; page 10, lines 5-13; page 112, lines 3-11; page 175, lines 10-24; page 66, line 2 to page 67, line 7; page 70, lines 13-20; page 112, line 23 to page 113, line 23; page 68, line 17 to page 71, line 3; page 84, lines 5-8; and page 151, lines 14-16; and in the originally filed Drawings in Figures 1, 5A, 5B, 9, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

I. "Signal":

"Signal" means "an indication, or an indication having or conveying data, information, or a message, or a conveyor of data, information, or a message, or an indication representing data or information."

Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 64, line 1 to page 67, line 20; page 68, line 17 to page 76, line 11; page 101, line 17 to page 102, line 4; page 102, line 5 to page 104, line 16; page 104, line 17 to page 114, line 21; Page 115, line 20 to page 135, line 2; page 161, line 8 to page 177, page 18; page 186, line 5 to page 188, line 8; page 208, line 14 to page 211, line 2; page 231, line 18 to page

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