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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim:

- 1 2. A method of enabling a presentation of programming at a subscriber
- 2 station, said subscriber station having at least one receiver for receiving at least part of
- 3 an information transmission; at least one information enabler for enabling at least some
- 4 disabled part of an information transmission; and at least one processor, controller, or
- 5 computer for controlling an information enabler, said method comprising the steps of:
- 6 receiving an information transmission from a local or remote source, said
- 7 information transmission comprising some disabled information;

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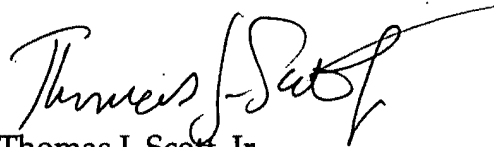
1 detecting the presence of an instruct-to-enable signal, with said instruct-to-enable
2 signal designating some enablement information;
3 passing said instruct-to-enable signal to said processor, controller, or computer;
4 and
5 modifying a fashion in which said station locates, identifies, or receives
6 enablement information in response to said instruct-to-enable signals, thereby to enable
7 said station to present some disabled information on the basis of some enablement
8 information.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please rewrite the paragraph in the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This is a continuation of application serial no. 08/113,329, filed August 30, 1993, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation of application serial no. 056,501, filed May 3, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,335,277, which was a continuation of application serial no. 849,226, filed March 10, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,233,654, which was a continuation of application serial no. 588,126, filed Sept. 25, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,109,414, which was a continuation of application serial no. 096,096, filed Sept. 11, 1987, now U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825, which was a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 829,531, filed Feb. 14, 1986, now U.S. Patent No. 4,704,725, which was a continuation of application serial no. 317,510, filed Nov. 3, 1981, now U.S. Patent No. 4,694,490.

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