

- [54] **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION MODEM SHARING SYSTEM**
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[57] ABSTRACT

A system for controlling CATV program viewing in a plurality of modes of operation. In a first mode of operation, a downstream digital transmission causes control means to develop first binary data for comparison in a comparator with selected-channel code data from channel means to enable a first circuit to allow a first or second category program to be selected and received by a subscriber during a predetermined temporary period of time. In a second mode of operation the enabling of a second circuit by the subscriber will only cause the control means to be enabled if the subscriber is authorized to receive that selected first category program. In a third mode of operation the enabling of the second circuit by the subscriber will enable a third circuit to allow a selected second category program to be received. In a fourth mode of operation the selection of a third category program by the subscriber will enable a fourth circuit to allow that selected third category program to be received. MODEM sharing networks are provided in the cable system interconnecting a local processing center and the various subscriber terminals. Each MODEM sharing network has modulation and demodulation circuitry, and ability to handle about twelve subscriber terminals.

8 Claims, 10 Drawing Figures

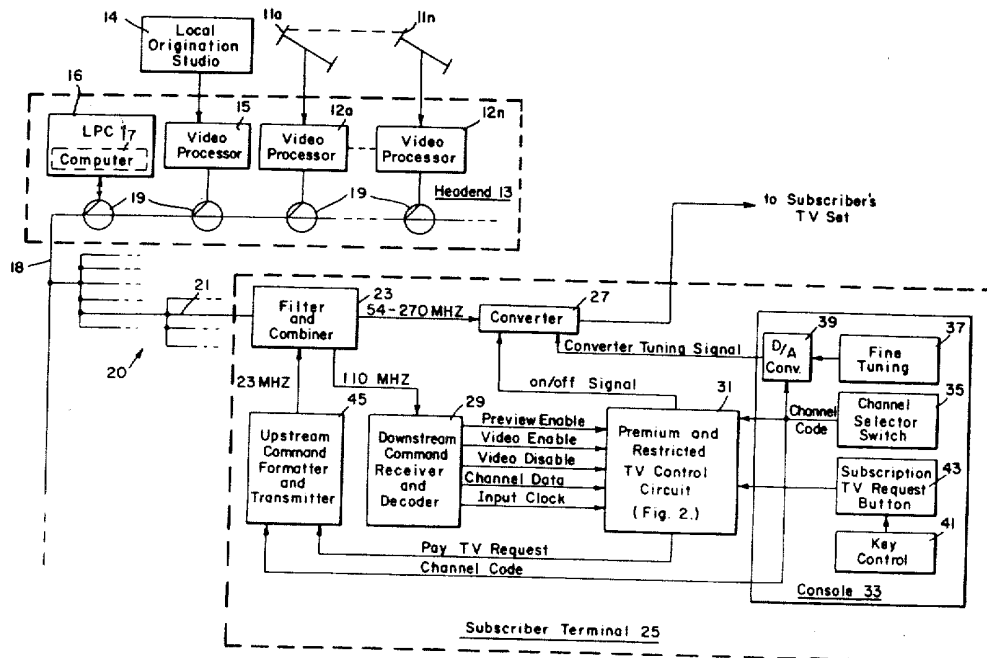
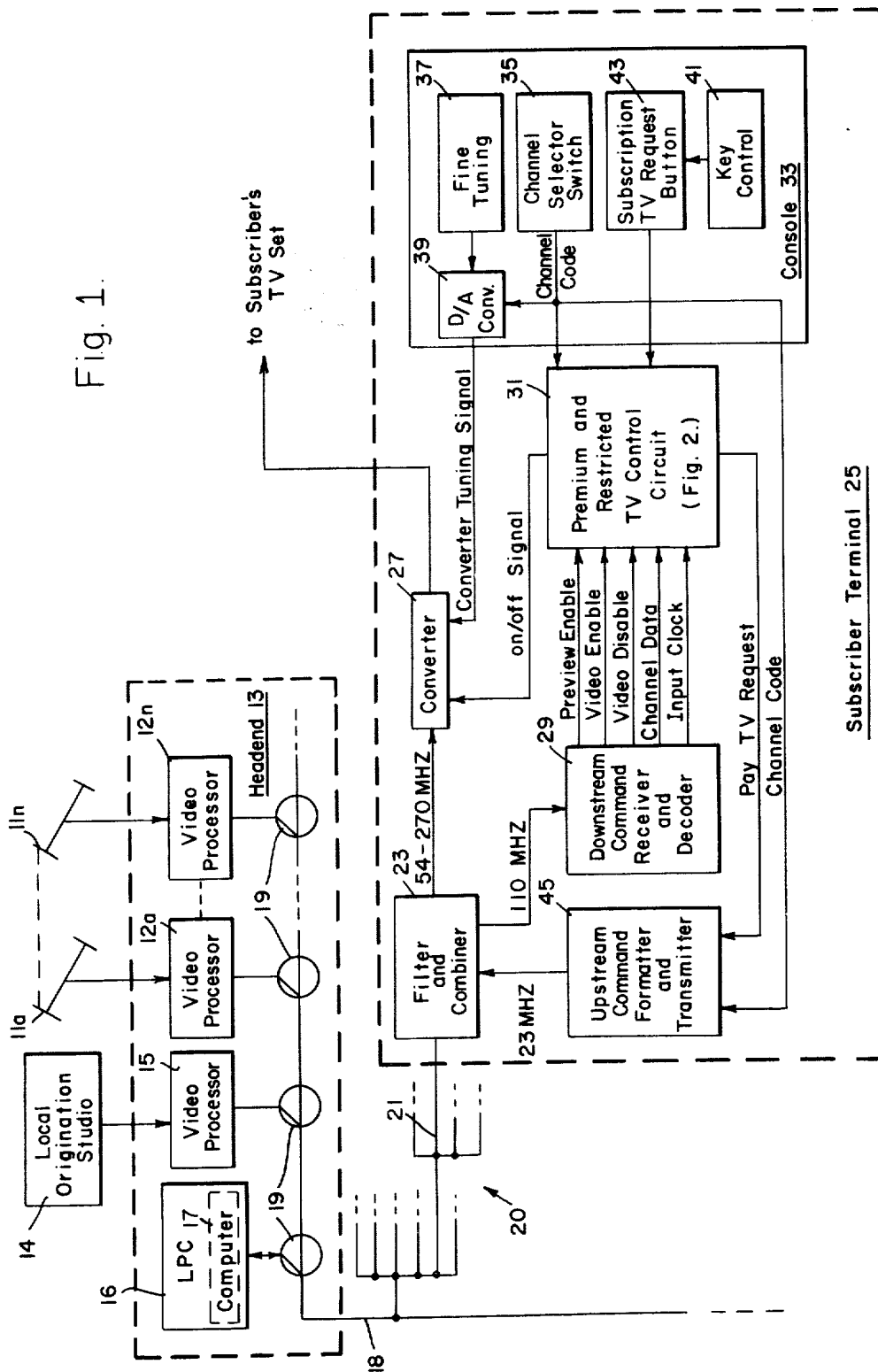


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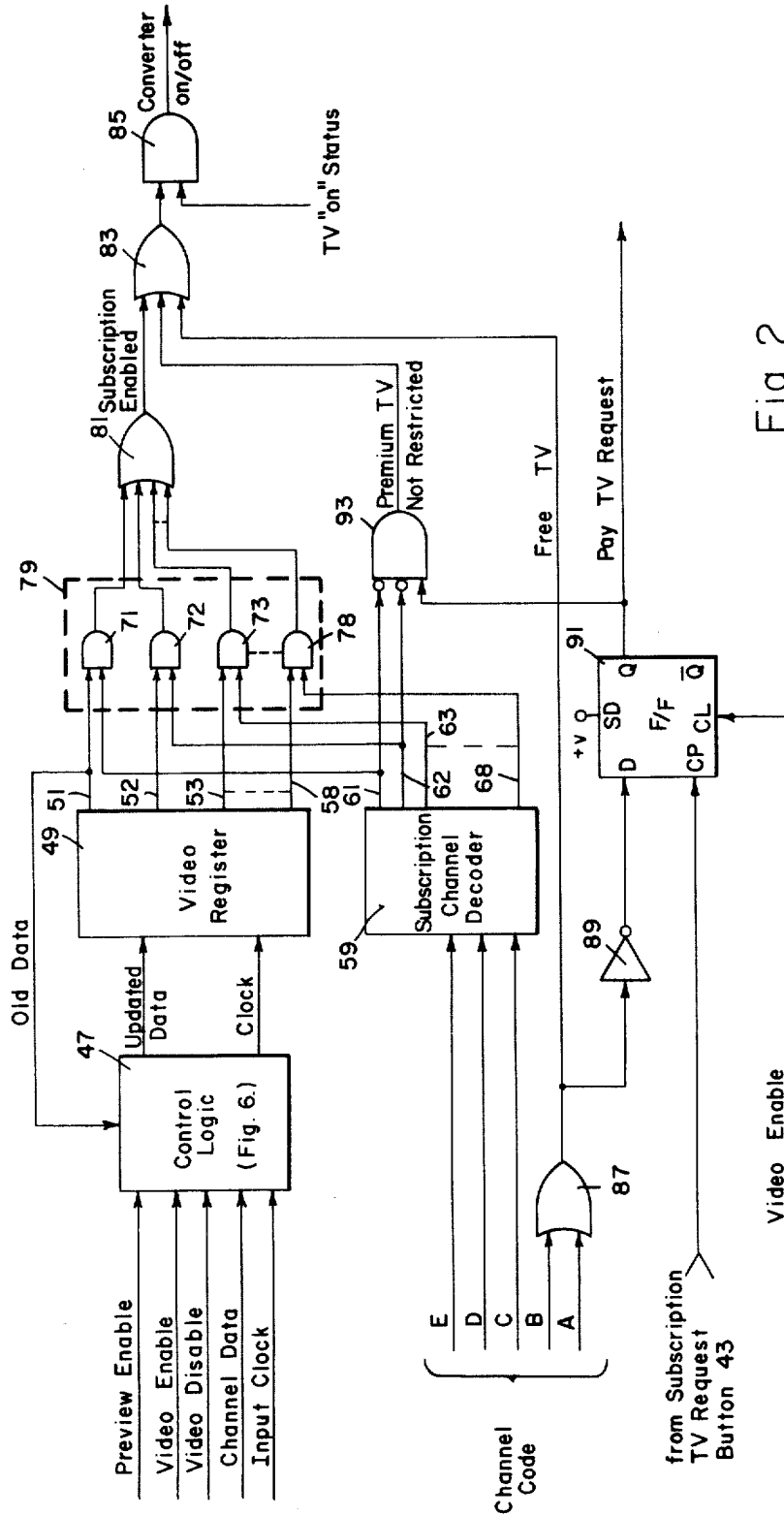


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Channel Code					Status	Decoder 59 Output							
A	B	C	D	E		61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68
0	0	0	0	0	Restricted	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	Restricted	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	Premium	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	Premium	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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Fig. 4.

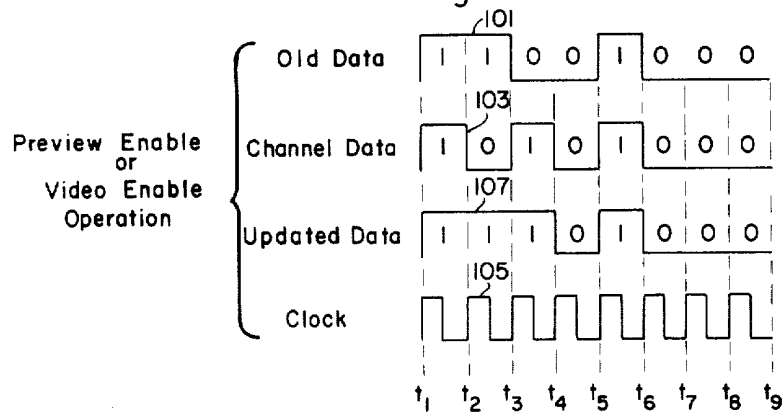
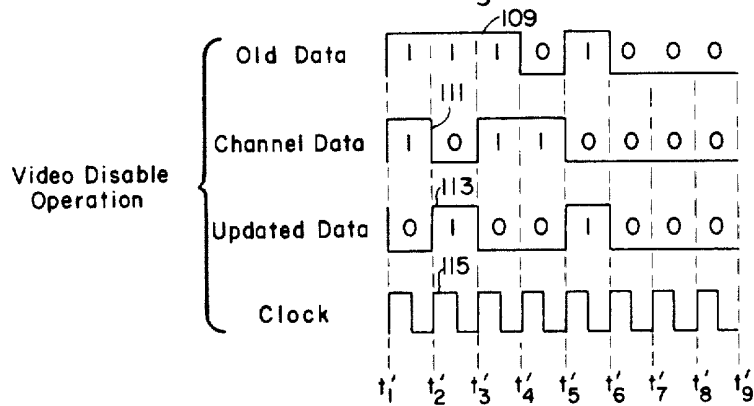


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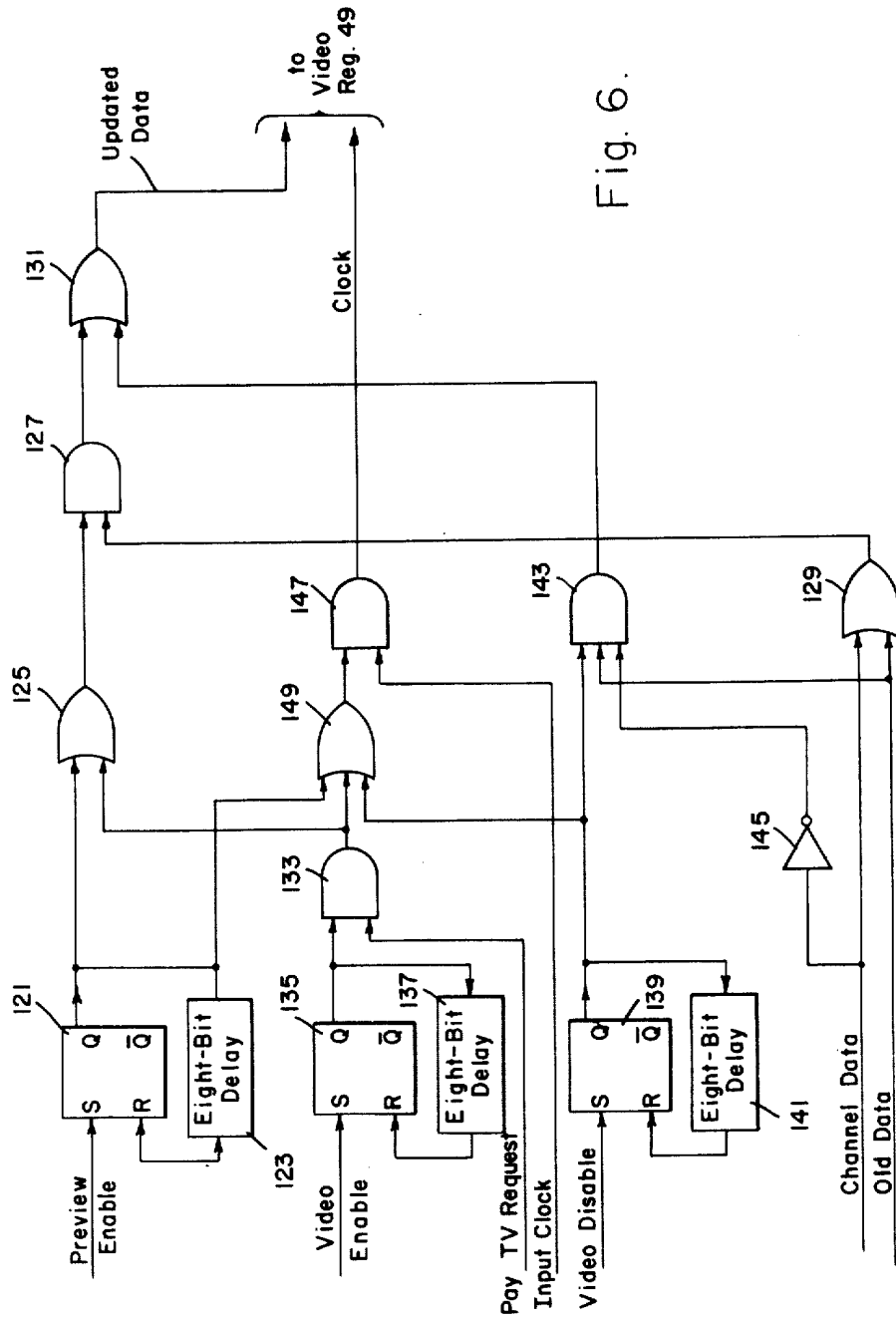


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