

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING AND CONTROLLING REMOTE DEVICES

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent applications Serial No. 09/271,517, filed March 18, 1999, and entitled, "System For Monitoring Conditions in a Residential Living Community," Serial No. 09/102,178, filed June 22, 1998, entitled, "Multi-Function General Purpose Transceiver," Serial No. 09/172,554, filed October 14, 1998, ^{now patent No. 6,028,522;} entitled, "System for Monitoring the Light Level Around an ATM," Serial No. 09/412,895, ^{now patent No. 6,218,453;} filed October 5, 1999, entitled, "System and Method for Monitoring the Light Level Around an ATM," and further claims the benefit of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/146,817, filed August 2, 1999 entitled, "System and Method for Monitoring and Controlling Residential Devices." Each of the above identified disclosures are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to remotely operated systems, and more particularly to a computerized system for monitoring, reporting on, and controlling remote systems by transferring information signals through a wide area network (WAN) and using software applications hosted on a connected server to appropriately process the information.

DISCUSSION OF THE RELATED ART