

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner Name: Not Yet Assigned  
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Confirmation Number: 2914  
Docket Number: 2014-01\_5000-0166  
First Named Inventor: John Marshall  
Title of Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING A  
COMMUNICATION NODE BY EXCHANGING MESSAGES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this submission;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **3** of this submission.