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POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING TELEPHONE ANSWERING CAPABILITY

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SYSTEME DE MACHINE A AFFRANCHIR COMPRENANT UNE FONCTION REPONDEUR TELEPHONIQUE

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO03030106A2] A postage meter system includes a modem for receiving an incoming telephone call, a printer module for printing on a recording medium and a control system in operative communication with the modem and the printer module. The control system stores a voice message associated with the telephone call, translates the voice message into a computer based text and prints a print message using the printer module from the computer based text. In another configuration, a postage system includes a data center, a population of postage metering systems and a control system that is in operative communication with the data center and the population of postage metering systems. The population of postage metering systems are located remote from the data center and are geographically distributed. The control system receives an incoming telephone call at one postage metering system of the population of postage metering system, stores a voice message associated with the telephone call and retrieves the voice message from another; postage metering system of the population of postage metering systems.

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