

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
INNOVATIONS, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

BIG LOTS STORES, INC.

Defendant.

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Case No:

PATENT CASE

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Geographic Location Innovations, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “GLI”) files this Complaint against Big Lots Stores, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Big Lots”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (hereinafter “the ‘285 Patent”).

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with an office located at 1400 Preston Rd, Suite 400, Plano, TX 75093.

4. On information and belief, Defendant is an Ohio corporation with its principal office located at 300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant

because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.

6. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

VENUE

7. On information and belief, venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because acts of infringement are occurring in this District and because Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this District. For example, on information and belief, Defendant has a store located at 1421 S Beckham Ave, Tyler, TX 75701. On information and belief, Defendant has other regular and established places of business in this District.

COUNT I **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,917,285)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 7 herein by reference.

9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '285 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '044 Patent and sue infringers.

11. A copy of the '285 Patent, titled "Device, System and Method for Remotely Entering, Storing and Sharing Addresses for a Positional Information Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. The '285 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe

one or more claims, including at least Claim 13, of the '285 Patent by making, using (at least by having its employees, or someone under Defendant's control, test the System), importing, selling, and/or offering for sale a mobile website with associated hardware and software embodied, for example, in its store locator service (the "System") covered by at least Claim 13 of the '285 Patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '285 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.


14. The System includes the mobile website and associated hardware. These tools provide for remote entry of location information, such as store locations into a positional information device such as, for example, a tablet or smart phone. The website automatically loads nearby store locations onto the positional information device based on the user's location.

15. On information and belief, the System includes one or more servers that receive a request for an address of at least one location such as, for example, the location of a store nearby the user, which is not already stored in the positional information device.

16. On information and belief the server(s) determine the address(es) of the store(s) and transmits the determined address(es) to the positional information device (e.g., tablet or smartphone). For example, the server(s) transmits to the positional information device a visual indication of the store(s) on a map. The following screenshot shows this functionality:

local.biglots.com/search/oh/columbus?q=43228

Find a BigLots store near... 43228, OH Find Now



Sorted by: Distance

STORE SERVICES

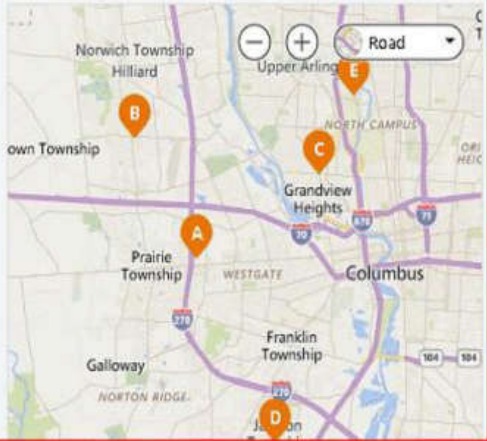
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- Fresh Dairy & Frozen Foods (20)
- Mattresses (19)
- Furniture Leasing (19)
- Furniture Delivery (18)
- Full Furniture (18)
- Ready-to-Assemble Furniture (1)

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A Big Lots - West Columbus 0.98 mi

West Broad Plaza
4260 West Broad St
Columbus, OH 43228-1619
(614) 272-2406
[Get Directions](#)
[Make My Favorite Store](#)

Store Services
SNAP/EBT, Fresh Dairy & Frozen Foods, Full Furniture with Mattresses, Furniture Delivery, **Furniture Leasing**



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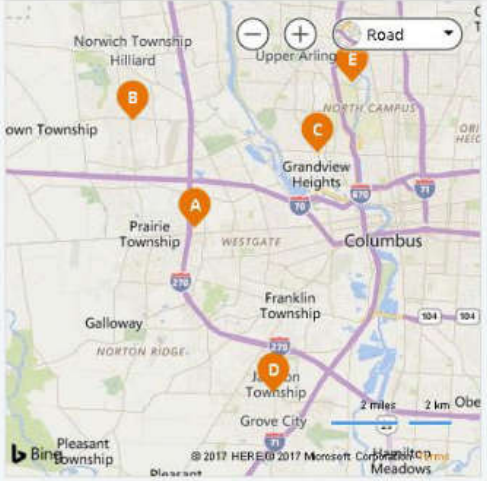
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Store Services
SNAP/EBT, Fresh Dairy & Frozen Foods, Full Furniture with Mattresses, Furniture Delivery, **Furniture Leasing**

B Big Lots - Hilliard 3.40 mi

Roberts Crossing
5419 Roberts Rd
Hilliard, OH 43026-8252
(614) 850-0834
[Get Directions](#)
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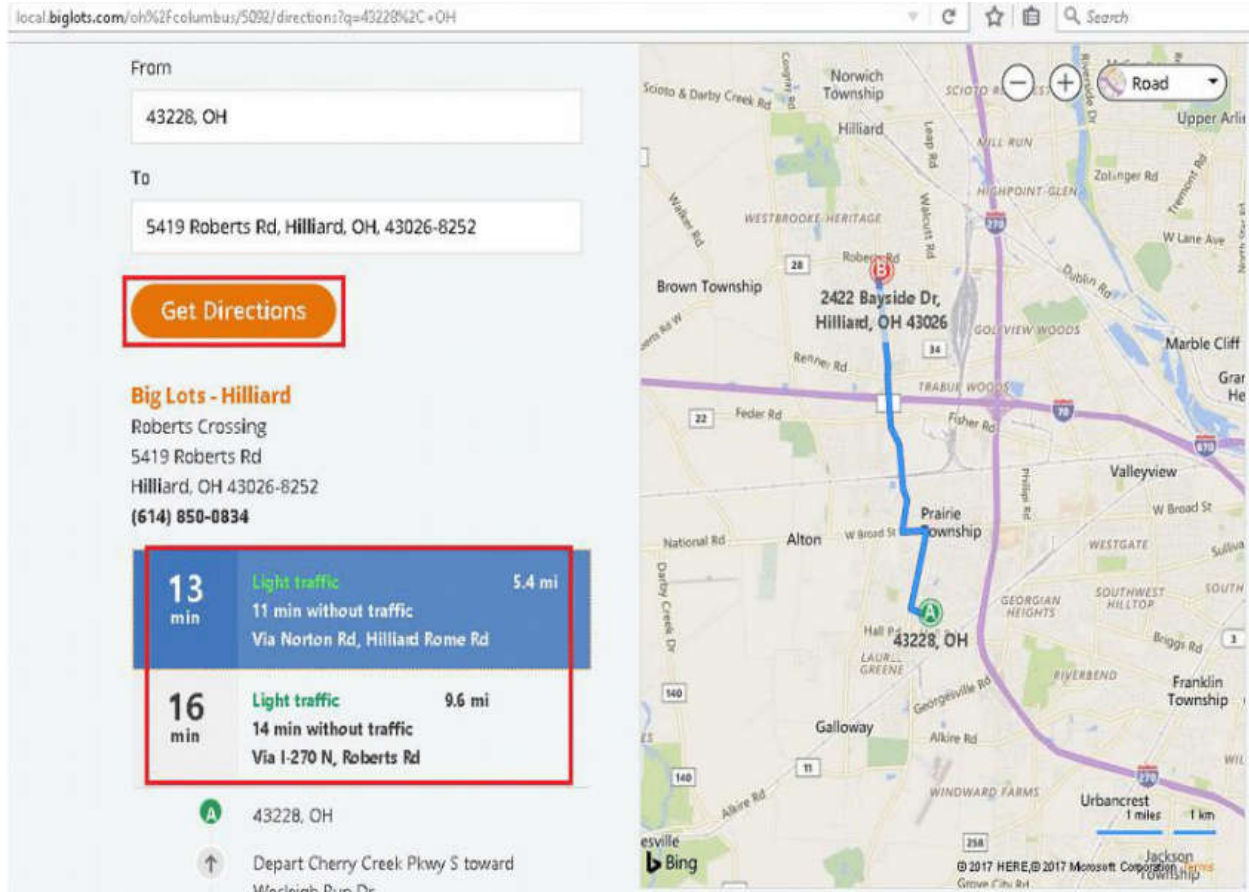
Store Services



17. The positional information device includes a locational information module (e.g., GPS hardware), which Defendant uses, and which determines the location of the positional information device. The System automatically lodes nearby store locations based on the user's location.

18. The System includes a communications module (e.g., cellular or WiFi components in the positional information device), which Defendant uses, and which receives the determined address(es) from the server(s).

19. The System includes a processing module (e.g., mapping software and the mobile website), which Defendant uses, and which receives the determined address(es) from the communication module. The processing module determines route guidance based on the location of the positional information device and the determined address(es). The screen shot below illustrates this feature:

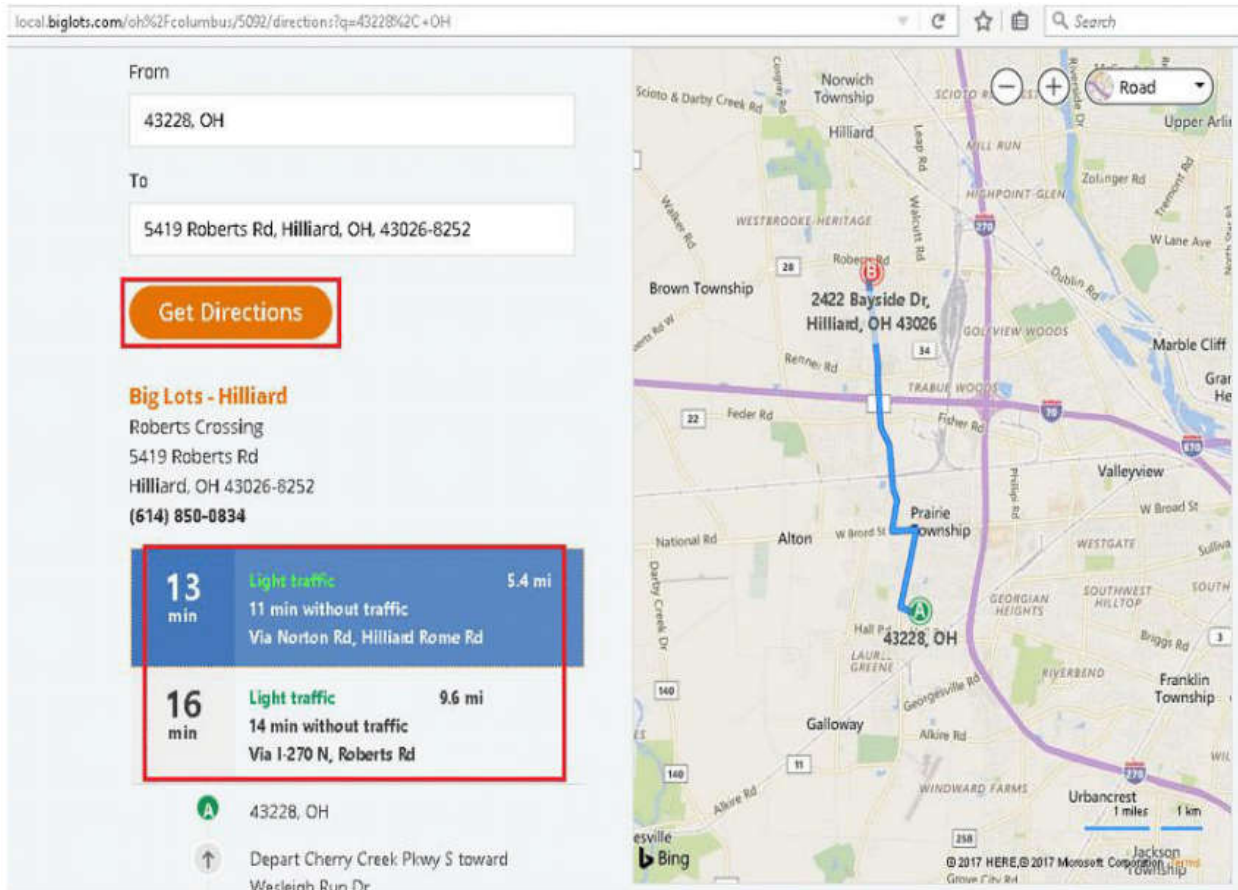


20. The System includes a display module (e.g., screen on the positional information device) for displaying the route guidance.

21. The System includes a communications network (e.g., cellular network) for coupling the positional information device to the server(s).

22. On information and belief, the server(s) receives a time and date (e.g., the time and date of the request for a location) associated with the requested location(s) and transmits the associated time and date with the determined address(es) to the positional information device and the positional information device displays the determined address at the associated time and date. For example, the time and date of the request must be sent to the server(s) so that the server(s) can determine traffic conditions associated with varying routes to the requested location and display location and route conditions corresponding to the time and date of the request. The

screen shots below illustrate this feature:



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{display:block;width:97%;position:relative}.MicrosoftMap .mccall
.dateTimeValue{padding:5px 5px 5px 15px;box-sizing:border-box;
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[System Code]

23. Defendant’s actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

24. Defendant’s actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

25. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);

(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: November 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jay Johnson

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EXHIBIT A