

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION**

ECOFACOR, INC,

Plaintiff,

v.

VIVINT, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:20-cv-00080

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, in which Plaintiff EcoFactor, Inc. (“Plaintiff” or “EcoFactor”) makes the following allegations against Defendant Vivint, Inc. (“Defendant”):

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This complaint arises from Defendant’s unlawful infringement of the following United States patents owned by EcoFactor: U.S. Patent No. 8,180,492 (“492 Patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,412,488 (“488 Patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,738,327 (“327 Patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 10,534,382 (“382 Patent”) (collectively the “Asserted Patents”).

**PARTIES**

2. EcoFactor is a privately held company, having its principal place of business at 441 California Avenue, Number 2, Palo Alto, CA 94301.<sup>1</sup> EcoFactor was founded in 2006 and is headquartered in Palo Alto, California. EcoFactor is a leader in smart home energy management

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to October 2019, EcoFactor’s principal place of business was at 1450 Veterans Blvd., Suite 100, Redwood City, CA 94063.

services. EcoFactor delivers smart home energy management services that improve energy efficiency, reduce energy bills and vastly increase demand response efficacy – all while maintaining consumer comfort. EcoFactor’s patented big-data analytics and machine learning algorithms collect and process massive amounts of residential data – including home thermodynamics, family comfort preferences and schedules, plus external data such as weather – to continually monitor, adapt and learn for optimum energy savings. The company provides homeowners significant cost savings and energy usage benefits. EcoFactor’s award-winning service has been offered through channel partners such as utilities, energy retailers, broadband service providers and HVAC companies.

3. EcoFactor has transformed how homes use energy by applying advanced analytics to connected devices in the home. EcoFactor’s platform actively manages thermostats on occupants’ behalf in intelligent ways that improve comfort while helping them save time, energy and money. Utilities, home service providers and homeowners rely on EcoFactor for demand response, energy efficiency, and HVAC performance monitoring services.

4. The HVAC industry and researchers in the field recognize the technological and commercial impact of EcoFactor’s patented technologies and innovations. For example, EcoFactor’s demand response solution has been recognized multiple times from the Association of Energy Services Professionals (AESP) for outstanding achievement in pricing and demand response. EcoFactor was also named “Innovator of the Year” by San Mateo County Economic Development Association for EcoFactor’s automated approach to energy efficiency and demand response services, and has also been named Owlery HOT in Redwood City, CA. Moreover, EcoFactor received Powergrid International’s Demand Response/Energy Efficiency Project of the Year award, and was assessed as one of the top innovators with some of the most commercially

important smart home patents.

5. Vivint, Inc. (“Vivint”) is a Utah corporation with its principal place of business at 4931 North 300 West, Provo, Utah 84604.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant in this action because Defendant has committed acts within this District giving rise to this action, and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendant, directly and through subsidiaries or intermediaries, has committed and continue to commit acts of infringement in this District by, among other things, importing, offering to sell, and selling products that infringe the asserted patents.

8. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). Upon information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this District and has committed acts of direct and indirect infringement in this District by, among other things, making, using, offering to sell, selling, and importing products that infringe the asserted patents. Defendant has at least one regular and established place of business in the District, including, e.g., a sales and retail location at the address 6001 West Waco Drive Space #314, Waco, Texas 76710.

**COUNT I**

**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,180,492**

9. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully

set forth herein.

10. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee of United States Patent No. 8,180,492 titled “System and method for using a networked electronic device as an occupancy sensor for an energy management system.” The ’492 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 2012. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee, possessing all substantial rights, to the ’492 Patent. A true and correct copy of the ’492 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

11. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import into the United States certain products and services that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the ’492 Patent, and continue to do so. By way of illustrative example, these infringing products and services include, without limitation, Defendant’s products and services, *e.g.*, Vivint Element, CT200, CT100, and SkyControl and all versions and variations thereof since the issuance of the ’492 Patent (“Accused Instrumentalities”).

12. Defendant has had knowledge of the ’492 patent from a date no later than the date of filing of this complaint. Defendant has known how the Accused Products are made and has known, or has been willfully blind to the fact, that making, using, offering to sell, and selling the accused products within the United States, or importing the Accused Products into the United States, would constitute infringement.

13. Defendant has induced, and continues to induce, infringement of the ’492 patent by actively encouraging others (including distributors and end customers) to use, offer to sell, sell, and import the Accused Products. On information and belief, these acts include providing information and instructions on the use of the Accused Products; providing information,

education and instructions supporting sales by distributors; providing the Accused Products to distributors; and indemnifying patent infringement within the United States.

14. Defendant has also infringed, and continue to infringe, claims of the '492 patent by offering to commercially distribute, commercially distributing, making, and/or importing the Accused Products, which are used in practicing the process, or using the systems, of the patent, and constitute a material part of the invention. Defendant knows the components in the Accused Products to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the patent, not a staple article, and not a commodity of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use. Accordingly, Defendant has been, and currently are, contributorily infringing the '492 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

15. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '492 Patent. For example the Accused Instrumentalities infringe claim 10 of the '492 Patent. One, non-limiting, example of the Accused Instrumentalities' infringement is presented below.

16. The Accused Instrumentalities include: "A system for altering the setpoint on a thermostat for space conditioning of a structure comprising: at least one thermostat having at least a first temperature setpoint associated with a non-occupied structure, and at least a second temperature setpoint associated with the existence of occupants in said structure." For example, the Accused Instrumentalities control whether or not a thermostat is at a desire temperature based on, among other things, whether the user is at home."

For instance, Vivint's automatic HVAC control will take cues from homeowners' daily patterns and make guided decisions to help increase the home's energy efficiency. The Vivint SkyControl panel serves as the hub of the experience, orchestrating a variety of home automation products, such as door locks, window and door sensors, motion detectors, connected power outlets and more. Using data from its sensors and communication from its powerful cloud technology, Vivint Sky is able to learn from homeowners' behaviors and make intelligent suggestions in a conversational, helpful tone. These suggestions add new levels of convenience and control over the home, helping provide improved protection and monitoring.

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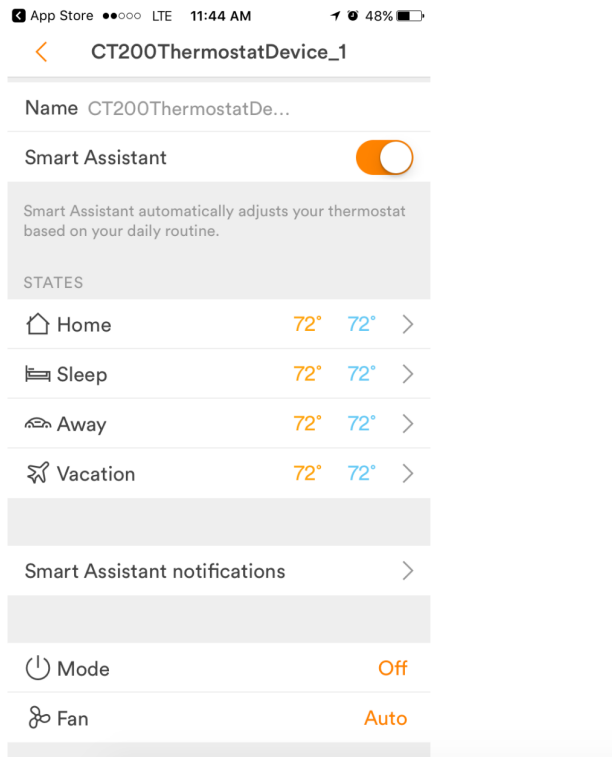
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17. The Accused Instrumentalities include “one or more electronic devices having at least a graphic user interface comprising a display wherein said electronic devices receive input from one or more users and wherein use of said electronic devices comprises at least one of cursor movement, keystrokes or other user interface actions intended to alter a state of one or more of said electronic devices by one or more users wherein activity of one or more networked electronic devices indicates whether said thermostat should be changed from said first temperature setpoint to said second temperature setpoint.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities are designed to work the Vivant SkyMobile Application, that includes a graphic user interface that allows to alter the setpoints with a networked device.

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18. The Accused Instrumentalities include “wherein said electronic devices and said thermostat are connected to a network; an application comprising one or more computer processors in communication with said network, wherein said application determines whether said one or more electronic devices are in use and in response, whether said thermostat is set to said first temperature setpoint that indicates said structure is not occupied.” For example, the thermostat and mobile device are connected to a network that can determine whether or not the house is at a setpoint indicating the structure is occupied.

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So how does it know? Smart learning thermostats use geolocation, information about your local climate and household temperature, and in-home sensors (when integrated with a [smart home system](#)) to determine your preferences, and then adjust the temperature accordingly.

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19. The Accused Instrumentalities include “said application determining that said one or more users has previously indicated a preference that said user's input be obtained before automatically changing said first HVAC temperature setpoint to said second HVAC temperature setpoint indicating that said structure is deemed to be occupied; said application prompting said one or more users based on said determining that said one or more of said user's input should be obtained, wherein said application provides electronic notice to one or more of said users of said electronic devices that said thermostat is set for a non-occupied structure and whether to keep said first temperature setpoint or change to said second temperature setpoint; and wherein said

application in response to said prompting, receives input from said one or more users to keep said first HVAC temperature setpoint; and wherein said thermostat is kept at said first temperature setpoint based upon said input from said one or more users.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities will store schedules set by a user as to at what temperature to begin and stop heating and/or cooling. The user can access these settings and modify the settings by use of the mobile application.

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### Thermostat Settings

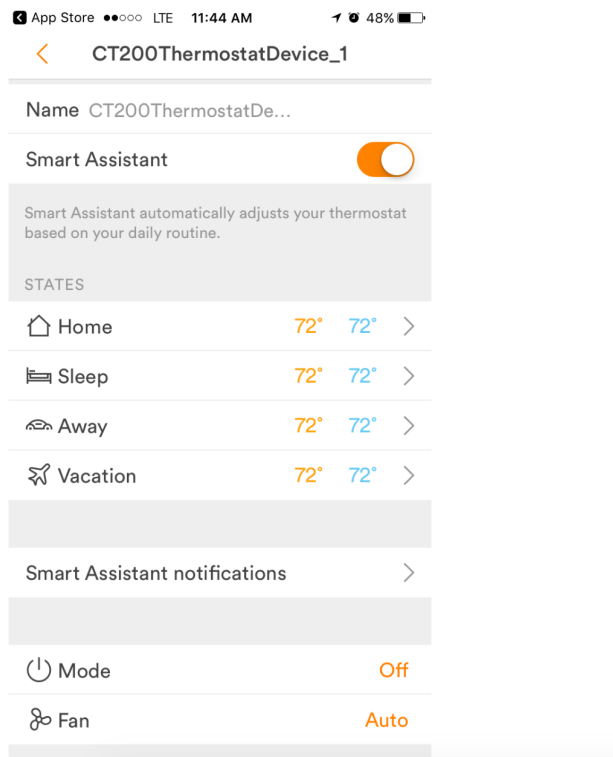
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20. By making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products, Defendant has injured Plaintiff and is liable for infringement of the '492 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

21. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '492 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

22. Defendant's infringing activities have injured and will continue to injure Plaintiff, unless and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement of the '492 Patent, and, specifically, enjoining further manufacture, use, sale, importation, and/or offers for sale that

come within the scope of the patent claims.

**COUNT II**

**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,412,488**

23. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

24. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee of United States Patent No. 8,412,488 titled “System and method for using a network of thermostats as tool to verify peak demand reduction.” The ’488 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2013. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee, possessing all substantial rights, to the ’488 Patent. A true and correct copy of the ’488 Patent is attached as Exhibit 2.

25. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import into the United States certain products and services that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the ’488 Patent, and continue to do so. By way of illustrative example, these infringing products and services include, without limitation, Defendant’s products and services, *e.g.*, such as the Vivint Element, CT200, CT100, and SkyControl and all versions and variations thereof since the issuance of the ’488 Patent (“Accused Instrumentalities”).

26. Defendant has had knowledge of the ’488 patent from a date no later than the date of filing of this complaint. Defendant has known how the Accused Products are made and has known, or has been willfully blind to the fact, that making, using, offering to sell, and selling the accused products within the United States, or importing the Accused Products into the United States, would constitute infringement.

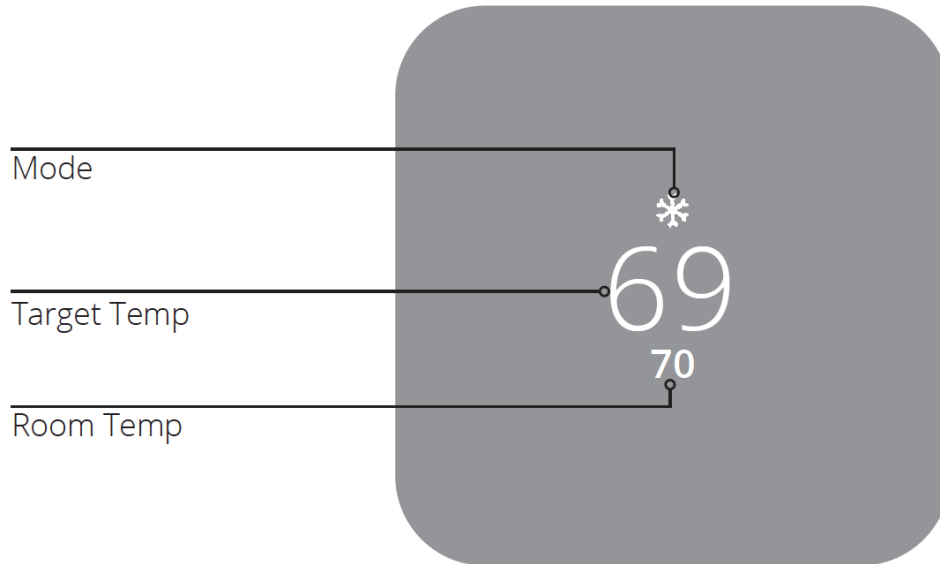
27. Defendant has induced, and continues to induce, infringement of the ’488 patent by actively encouraging others (including distributors and end customers) to use, offer to sell,

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28. Defendant has also infringed, and continue to infringe, claims of the '488 patent by offering to commercially distribute, commercially distributing, making, and/or importing the Accused Products, which are used in practicing the process, or using the systems, of the patent, and constitute a material part of the invention. Defendant knows the components in the Accused Products to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the patent, not a staple article, and not a commodity of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use. Accordingly, Defendant has been, and currently are, contributorily infringing the '488 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

29. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '488 Patent. For example the Accused Instrumentalities infringe claim 1 of the '488 Patent. One, non-limiting, example of the Accused Instrumentalities' infringement is presented below.

30. The Accused Instrumentalities include “[a] system for monitoring the operational status of an HVAC system comprising: at least one HVAC control system associated with a first structure that receives temperature measurements from at least a first structure conditioned by at least one HVAC system.” For example, Accused Instrumentalities receive temperature measurements from inside the building that it is servicing.



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Size: 4.5" h x 4.5" w x 0.9" d

Weight: 10.1 oz (with batteries)

Power: 4 AA batteries or 24V AC wired from HVAC system

Screen: On-screen control

Sensors: Temperature, humidity, proximity, and ambient light

Supported Fuels: Natural gas, propane, electric, fuel oil, and geothermal

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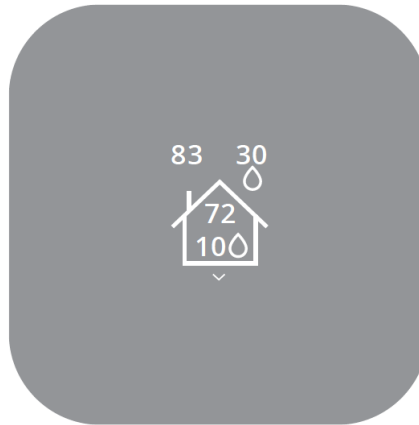
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32. The Accused Instrumentalities include “wherein said one or more processors compares the inside temperature of said first structure and the outside temperature over time to derive an estimation for the rate of change in inside temperature of said first structure in response to outside temperature, and wherein said one or more processors compare an inside temperature recorded inside the first structure with said estimation for the rate of change in inside temperature

of said first structure to determine whether the first HVAC system is on or off.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities will compare internal temperature and external temperature and, other factors, to calculate the rate of change of inside temperature, and use this calculation to determine when to turn the HVAC system on or off.

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### **COUNT III**

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,738,327**

36. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully

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37. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee of United States Patent No. 8,738,327 titled “System and method for using a network of thermostats as tool to verify peak demand reduction.” The ’327 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 27, 2014. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee, possessing all substantial rights, to the ’327 Patent. A true and correct copy of the ’327 Patent is attached as Exhibit 3.

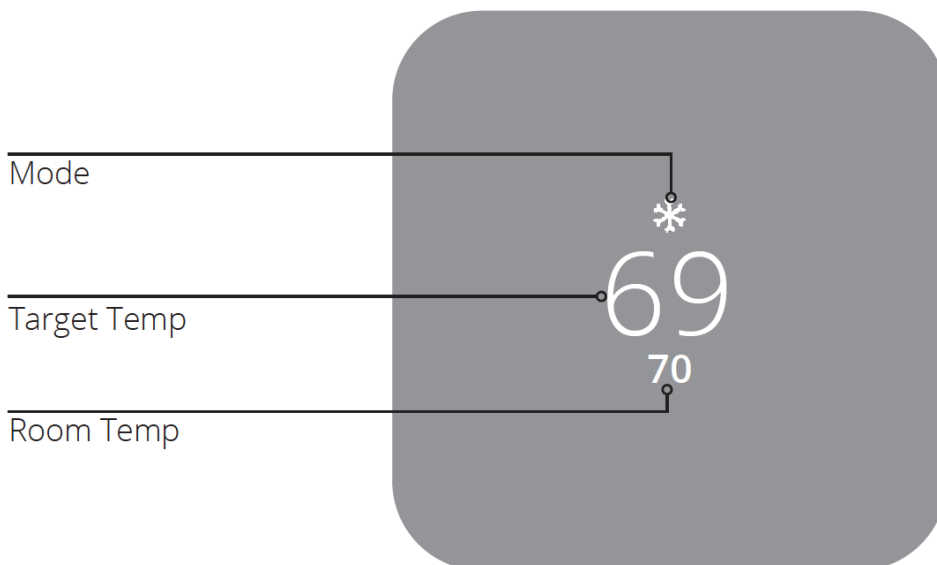
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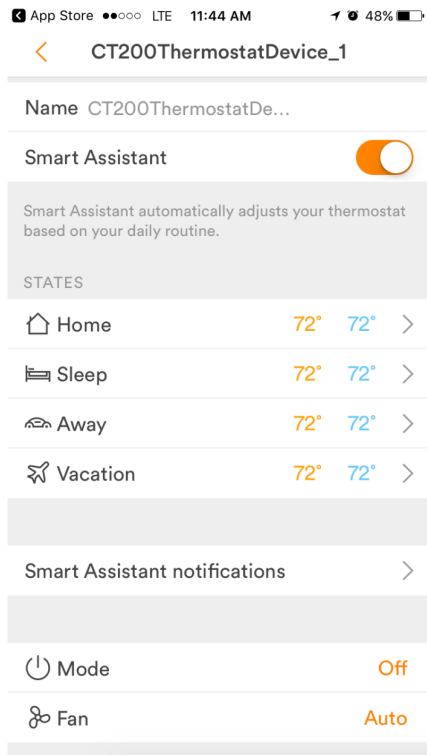
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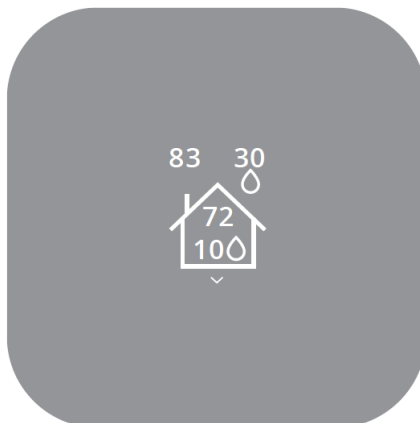
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45. The Accused Instrumentalities further include “the one or more servers are further configured to receive a demand reduction request and determine whether the structure is associated with demand rejection request, and based on the determination that the structure is associated with the demand reduction request, the one or more servers are further configured to send a signal to the thermostat to change the setting to a second setting to reduce electricity demand by the HVAC system.” For example, using the mobile application users of the Accused Instrumentalities can instruct the Accused Instrumentalities to reduce the amount of usage of the devices.

2. **From a smart phone app.** The thing that sets a smart thermostat apart is the ability to control it remotely from a smartphone app. On your way home from work and want the house to be warm when you get there? Adjust the thermostat's temperature from your app. Left for vacation and forgot to turn off your thermostat? No problem. With the ability to change your temperature from your phone, you have greater control and convenience than ever.

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47. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '327 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

48. Defendant's infringing activities have injured and will continue to injure Plaintiff, unless and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement of the '327 Patent, and, specifically, enjoining further manufacture, use, sale, importation, and/or offers for sale that come within the scope of the patent claims.

#### **COUNT IV**

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,534,382**

49. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

50. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee of United States Patent No. 10,534,382 titled "System and method for using a wireless device as a sensor for an energy management system." The '382 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 14, 2020. Plaintiff is the owner and assignee, possessing all substantial rights, to the '382 Patent. A true and correct copy of the '382 Patent is attached as Exhibit 4.

51. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import into the United States certain products and services that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '382 Patent, and continue to do so. By way of illustrative example, these infringing products and services include, without limitation, Defendant's products and services, *e.g.*, the Vivint Element, CT200, CT100, and SkyControl and all versions and variations thereof since the issuance of the '382 Patent ("Accused Instrumentalities").

52. Defendant has had knowledge of the '382 patent from a date no later than the date of filing of this complaint. Defendant has known how the Accused Products are made and have known, or have been willfully blind to the fact, that making, using, offering to sell, and selling the accused products within the United States, or importing the Accused Products into the United States, would constitute infringement.

53. Defendant has induced, and continue to induce, infringement of the '382 patent by actively encouraging others (including distributors and end customers) to use, offer to sell, sell, and import the Accused Products. On information and belief, these acts include providing information and instructions on the use of the Accused Products; providing information, education and instructions supporting sales by distributors; providing the Accused Products to distributors; and indemnifying patent infringement within the United States.

54. Defendant has also infringed, and continue to infringe, claims of the '382 patent by offering to commercially distribute, commercially distributing, making, and/or importing the Accused Products, which are used in practicing the process, or using the systems, of the patent, and constitute a material part of the invention. Defendant knows the components in the Accused Products to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the patent, not a staple article, and not a commodity of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use. Accordingly, Defendant has been, and currently are, contributorily infringing the '382 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

55. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '327 Patent. One, non-limiting, example of the Accused Instrumentalities' infringement is presented below.

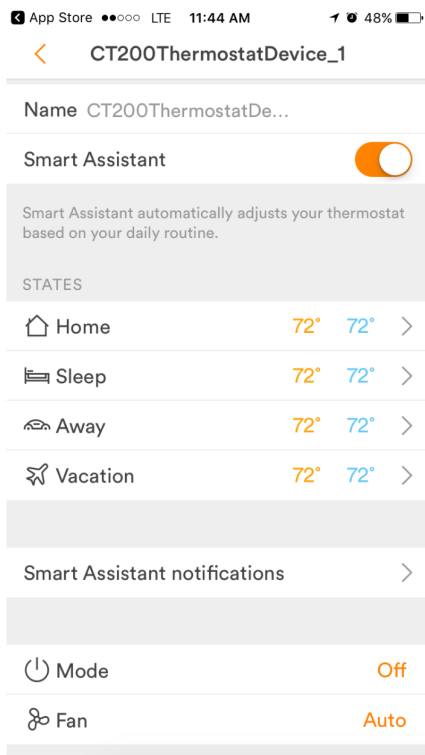
56. The Accused Instrumentalities include: “[a] system for controlling an HVAC

system at a user's building, the system comprising: a memory; and one or more processors with circuitry and code designed to execute instructions.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities includes memory, processors and circuitry and code, to allow a user to set a schedule of heating and cooling.

Thermostat Settings			
MONDAY – FRIDAY			
	Time	Heat to	Cool to
Wake	6 : 00 AM	70°	78°
Leave	8 : 00 AM	66°	81°
Arrive	6 : 00 PM	70°	78°
Sleep	10 : 00 PM	66°	80°
SATURDAY – SUNDAY			
	Time	Heat to	Cool to
Wake	6 : 00 AM	70°	78°
Leave	8 : 00 AM	70°	78°
Arrive	6 : 00 PM	70°	78°
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3. Select the desired thermostat and customize as desired.
- Note: From here, adjust the Mode, Fan, States, and Notifications.



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57. The Accused Instrumentalities include “the one or more processors with circuitry and code designed to execute instructions to receive a first data from at least one sensor, wherein the first data from the at least one sensor includes a measurement of at least one characteristic of the building.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities can determine whether or not the user is at home.

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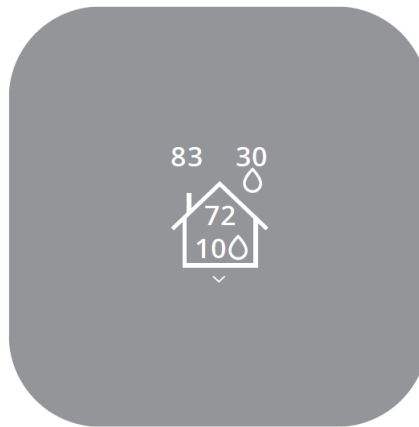
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### Outside Temp Screen

This screen displays the outside temperature and inside humidity (in %).

To see this screen, press the SIDE button twice.



See VIVINT ELEMENT THERMOSTAT USER GUIDE.

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59. The Accused Instrumentalities include “the one or more processors with circuitry and code designed to execute instructions to receive a first temperature setpoint for the building corresponding to a desired temperature setting when the building is occupied, and a second temperature setpoint for the building corresponding to a desired temperature setting when the building is unoccupied.” For example, the Accused Instrumentalities will adjust the temperature of a room to a desired temperature based on whether or not the occupancy sensor detects that the room is occupied.

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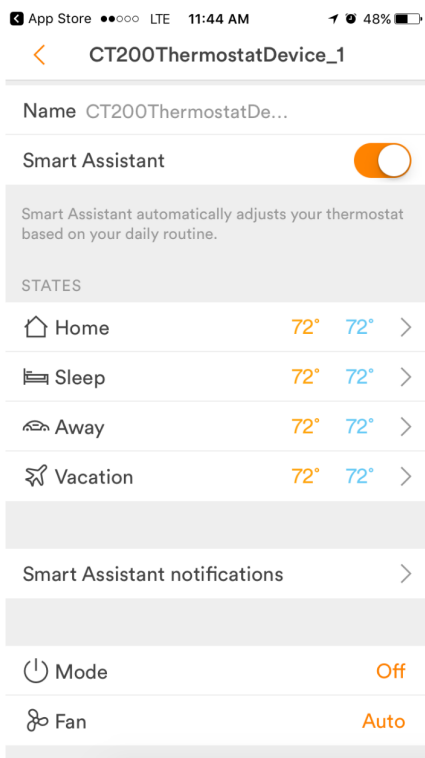
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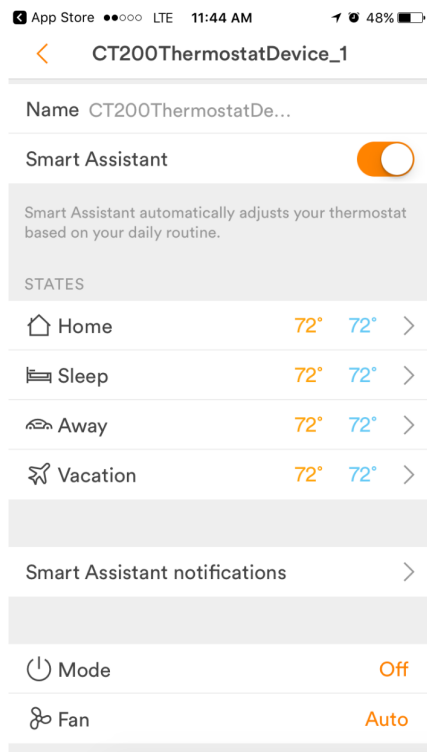
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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

Dated: January 31, 2020

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