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(54) **Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTRIBUTING MEDIA IN A PAY PER PLAY ARCHITECTURE WITH REMOTE PLAYBACK WITHIN AN ENTERPRISE

(57) **Abstract:** Systems and methods for rendering media content are provided. Systems of the invention can comprise a first platform for accessing, storing and distributing media content, wherein the media content comprises an unrenderable state when received by the first platform; a second platform communicatively coupled with the first platform for rendering the stored media content; the first and second platforms cooperatively providing an interface for purchasing a right to render stored or accessible media content at least one time; and at least one of the first platform and the second platform being operable to convert the stored or accessible media content to a renderable state upon the purchase of the right to render, wherein the first and second platforms are communicatively coupled to the Internet. Systems are preferably operably connected to the Internet and can provide access to content sources local to and remote from the system of the invention.

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