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(54) **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOTELY POWERING ACCESS EQUIPMENT OVER A 10/100 SWITCHED ETHERNET NETWORK**

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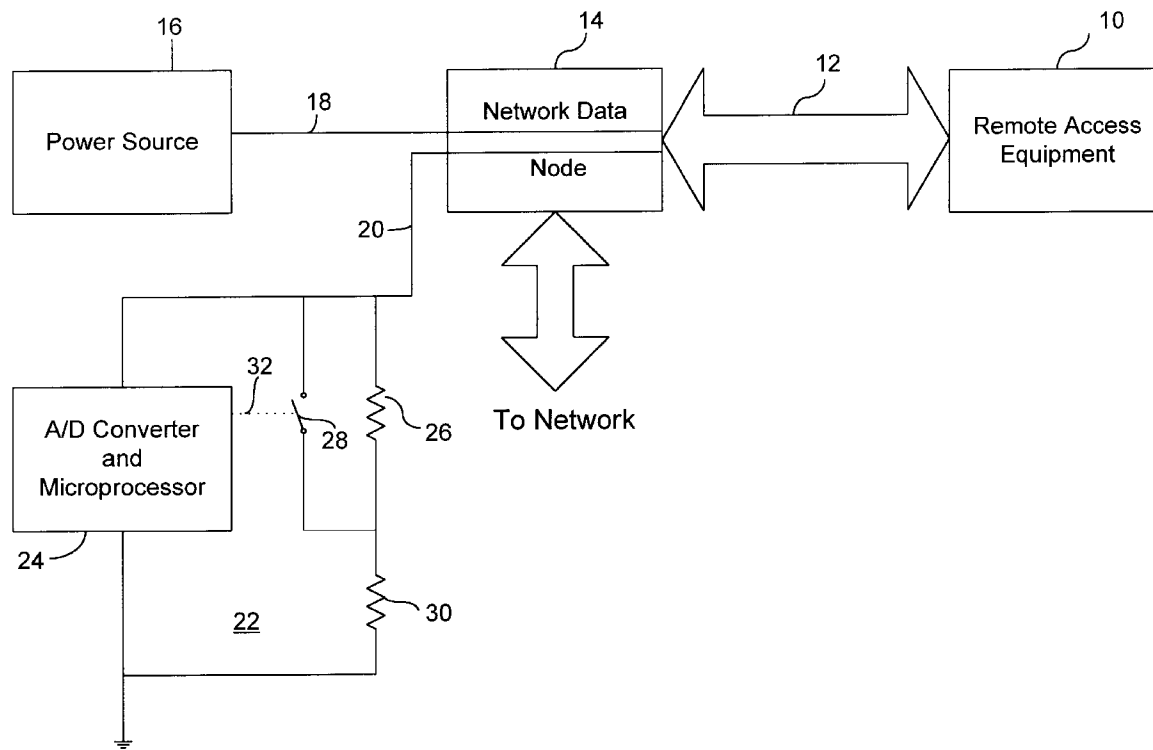
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Apparatus for remotely powering access equipment over a 10/100 switched Ethernet network comprises an Ethernet switch card with a phantom power supply for remote access equipment and added circuitry for automatic detection of remote equipment being connected to the network; determining whether the remote equipment is capable of accepting remote power in a non-intrusive manner; delivering the phantom power to the remote equipment over the same wire pairs that deliver the data signals, and automatically detecting if the remote equipment is removed from the network.

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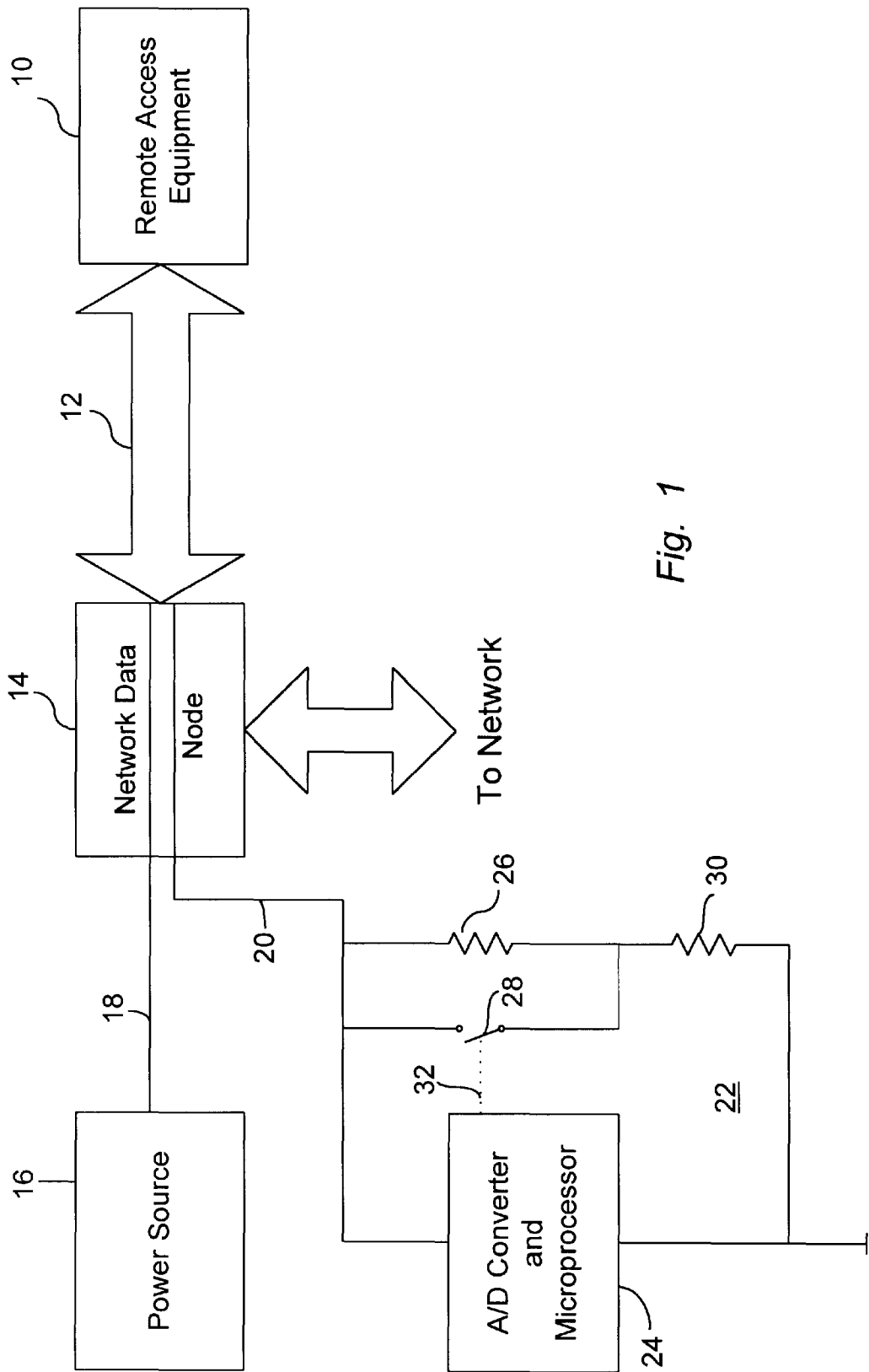


Fig. 1

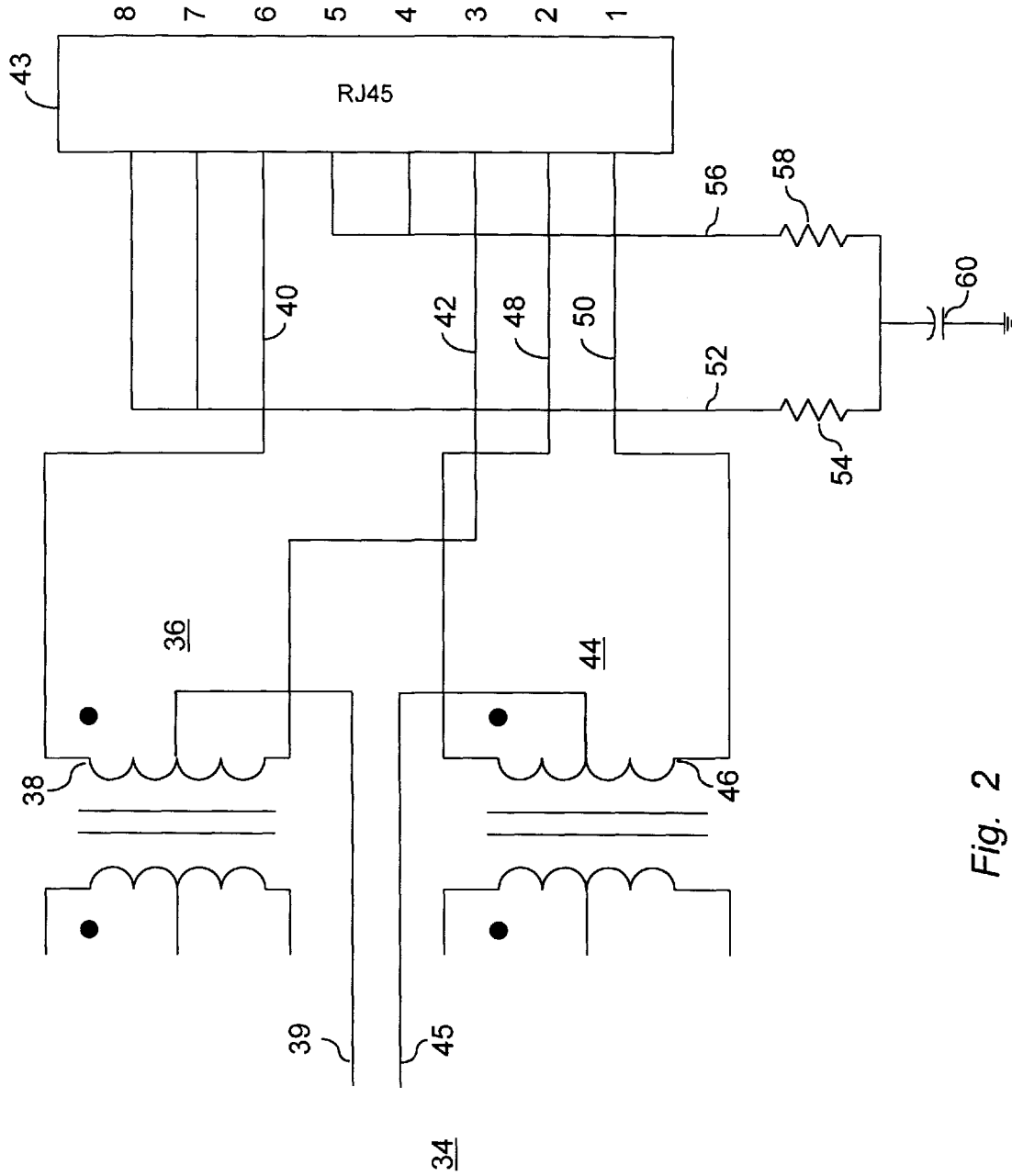


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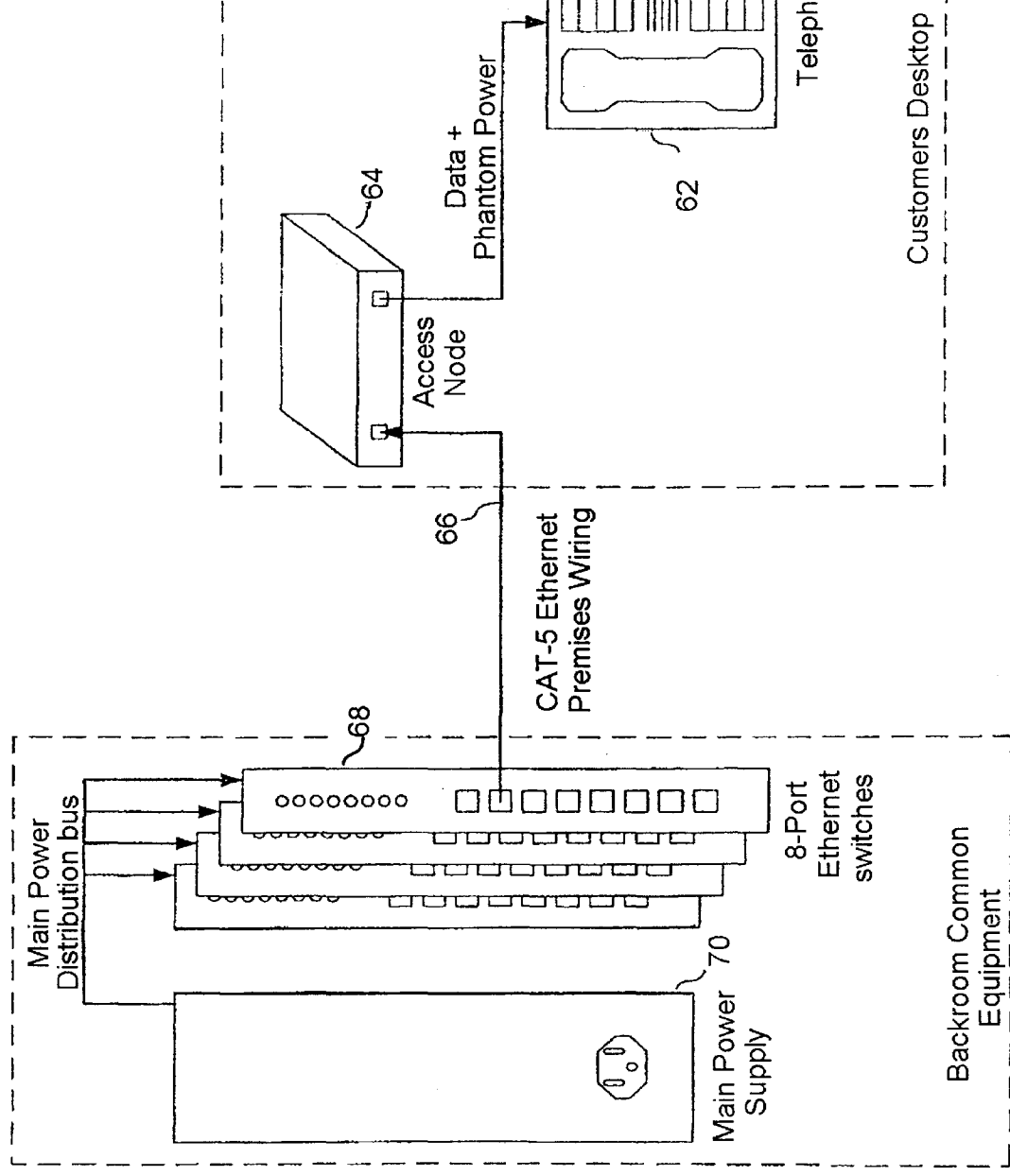


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