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| | Issue Date | July 27, 2010 |
| | First Named Inventor | Samuel F. Wood |
| | Title | Branch Calling and Caller ID Based Call Routing Telephone Features |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 002964.P075 |

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| Signature | Date |
| Name: Jeff Adelstein | 6/26/2014 |
| Title and Company: Manager, Focal IP, LLC | Telephone: (323) 866-3200 |

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Focal IP, LLCApplication No./Patent No.: 7,764,777Filed/Issue Date: July 27, 2010

Titled:

Focal IP, LLC, a limited liability company
 (Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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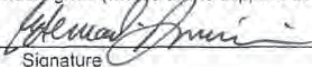
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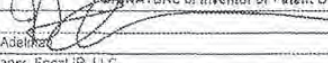
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Issue Date: July 27, 2010 :
Application No. 11/948,965 : NOTICE
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This is a notice regarding your request, filed February 25, 2014, for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This patent is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this patent must be paid at the large entity rate.

/Liana Walsh/
Liana Walsh
Petitions Paralegal Specialist
Office of Petitions

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Application No. 11/948,965

This application is being forwarded to your office for further processing. A decision has been rendered on a petition filed in this application.

- GRANTED**
- DISMISSED**
- DENIED**

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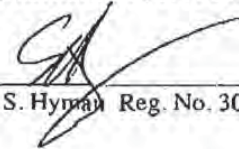
EXPLANATION

The patent was assigned to a large entity. Accordingly, Applicant has requested the Office of Finance change the entity size to large, and requests that any and all deficient fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

Dated: 2/25/2014

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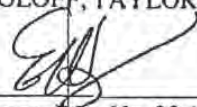
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| | Art Unit | 2814 |
| | Examiner Name | Smith, Creighton H. |
| Attorney Docket Number | 367325-880125 | |

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Entitled: Branch Calling And Caller ID Based Call Routing Telephone Features

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(i)

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, 37 CFR §§ 1.97, and 1.98, after receiving the Notice of Allowance, Applicants recently became aware of the following documents, none of which are relevant to the claims allowed. Nevertheless, Applicants request that these documents should be placed in the file wrapper in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(i) for future access by others. These documents are listed in the attached forms PTO-1449. These documents are also cited in related pending application serial numbers 11/428,822 and 11/428,825. Applicants indicate below a brief description of each reference. The references pertain to fundamental call routing architecture and operations executed within a single carrier network as opposed to the Applicants' inventions, which are directed to architecture and operations that apply call features to the fundamental call routing operations over multiple carrier networks.

Application No.: 11/948,965

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,469,500 describes a method and apparatus for delivering calling services by contemplating an AIN (Advanced Intelligent Network) architecture, different from the existing network structure, with software upgrades to this AIN to implement calling services.
2. Publication No. 2004/0264673 A1 describes an architecture to connect disparate peripherals in a network, not to execute features as in Applicants' inventions. In addition, it should be noted that this publication is dated December 30, 2004, after the effective filing date of this application, which is May 4, 2000. The filing date is June 30, 2003.
3. Publication No. 2004/0240657 A1 describes an architecture for routing schemes in the network to route calls to different tandems in the network. This publication is dated December 2, 2004, after the effective filing date of this application, which is May 4, 2000. The filing date is May 28, 2003.
4. U.S. Patent No. 7,436,851 describes using ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) and other transmission facilities for routing within IP or PSTN networks. There is no disclosure of any calling features.
5. U.S. Patent No. 7,123,708 describes an architecture for IP routing of calls (by connecting different networks and carriers) within the internet. It does not describe applying any features to call routing operations of the network. This patent issued on October 14, 2008, and has a filing date of March 29, 1999.
6. U.S. Patent No. 7,242,759 describes an architecture for routing of calls in the network specifically to 800 numbers. The patent issued on October 14, 2008 and has a filing date of March 29, 1999.
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,643,282 describes a major network architecture proposed by Sprint Communications Company LP. There is no disclosure of applying features.

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8. U.S. Patent No. 6,327,258 describes an architecture and operations for connecting the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) with Internet data networks utilizing ATM. The architecture is for routing calls in a single network.

Applicants submit that the claims, as allowed, are distinct from the teachings in these references. Applicants also believe that there are no fees in connection with this submission; however, in the event the U.S. Patent Office determines that fees are necessary, please charge them to Berry & Associates P.C.'s Deposit Account No. **50-3102**.

Respectfully submitted,
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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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| Filing Date | June 7, 2006 |
| First Named Inventor | Samuel F. Wood |
| Art Unit | 2614 |
| Examiner Name | Creighton H. Smith |
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| Art Unit 2614 | | Examiner Creighton H. Smith | |
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Dear Sir:

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Examiner Creighton Smith

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 Jerry A. Klein (Inventor)
 Reena Kuyper (Representative of the Applicant)

II. Date of Interview: January 11, 2010

III. Prior Art Discussed

- a. Schwab, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,381,323)
- b. Sidhu, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,759) & Shah, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,041,325)

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III. Discussion

Applicants and Applicants' Representative presented the differences between the rejected claims and Schwab et al., and other prior art. The major difference lies in that Applicants' architecture permits subscribers to apply features via web access to a controlling device that connects to a switching facility (tandem access switch also referred by other terminology in the industry) so that the features are not limited to a local geographic area. In Schwab, the features are applied at the end office switch, therefore, they are limited only within a local geographic area.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED WITH
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and in response to the final office action dated October 13, 2009, and further to a personal interview on January 11, 2010, please amend the application as indicated in the following pages. Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in granting the personal interview and during the interview.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

The **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this submission.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*with underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*with strikethrough*), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a web-enabled processing system connected ~~within~~ to operate at least in part with a communication network ~~the public-switched telephone network (PSTN)~~ comprising edge switches for routing calls from and to subscribers within a local geographic area and switching facilities for routing calls to other edge switches or other switching facilities local or in other geographic areas, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a call in response to a calling party entering a first number, using a communications device, intended for a subscriber, the web-enabled processing system coupled to at least one switching facility of the communication network, the web-enabled processing system processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the web-enabled processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices;
and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a calling feature, previously selected by the subscriber to be performed on the call, the calling feature being to forward the call to at least two communications devices; and
simultaneously placing at least two calls to at least two communications devices.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the at least two calls to the communications devices are any combination of local call, long distance call, cellular call, and VOIP call.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system ~~terminates~~ abandons the other calls.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein the answer supervision is pursuant to the SS7 signaling protocol.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the web-enabled processing system is connected to the switching facility, which is a PSTN tandem switch within the communication network, which is a public switched telephone network (PSTN) PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises the steps of:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended) A controller connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) and configured to perform enhanced routing operations, comprising:

a processing system connected within the PSTN and linked ~~to~~ via the internet for selecting at least one calling feature ~~via the internet~~, the processing system ~~programmed~~ configured to perform the steps of the process comprising:

receiving a call from a calling party, using a communications device, intended for a subscriber, whereby said processing system implements a calling feature previously designated by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices previously designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices;
and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is ~~programmed~~ configured to perform the process comprising the additional steps of:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a feature, selected by the subscriber, to be performed on the call, the feature being to forward the call to the at least two different communications devices; and

simultaneously placing the at least two calls to the at least two different communications devices.

13. (Previously Presented) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the at least two calls to the communications devices are any combination of local call, long distance call, cellular call, and VOIP call.

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14. (Currently Amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system ~~terminates~~ abandons the other calls.

15. (Currently Amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises the step of:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

16. (Original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to the PSTN in the subscriber's local service area.

17. (Original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of residential telephone service.

18. (Previously Presented) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of business telephone service.

19. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a processing system coupled to a switching facility for routing calls to edge switches or other switching facilities in local or other geographic areas, within the ~~public switched telephone network (PSTN)~~ a communication network, comprising the steps of:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber,

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where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;
receiving the at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by said subscriber via the internet;
detecting that one of the calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and
in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between said subscriber's communications device and the answered communications device.

20. (Currently Amended) A controller connected to a tandem switch within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature over the web, the processing system ~~programmed~~ configured to perform the process comprising the steps of:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

receiving at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by the subscriber via the internet;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

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21. (Currently Amended) A controller connected to a switching facility allowing access to local and other geographic areas within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature via the internet, the processing system ~~programmed~~ configured to perform the process comprising the steps of:

receiving a call under the control of said controller from a calling party, using a communications device, intended for a subscriber, the processing system processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

invoking the at least one calling feature prior to said received call reaching a terminating central office, said at least one calling feature placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices previously designated by said subscriber;

detecting that one of at least two calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

Please add the following new claims indicated below.

22. (New) A method for processing an incoming call from a switching facility on a communication network that comprises edge switches for routing calls to subscribers within a local geographic area and switching facilities for routing calls to edge switches, or other switching facilities local or in other geographic areas the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first call, which is intended for a specified recipient, at a controlling device in communication with the switching facility;

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identifying one or more control criteria previously associated with the specified recipient, wherein the one or more control criteria was entered via a web-based interface;
initiating a second call at the controlling device in accordance with the control criteria associated with the specified recipient; and
connecting the first and second calls at the controlling device after the second call is received by a communication device associated with the specified recipient.

23. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the communication network comprises any one or more of a switched network, a packet-based network, and a wireless network.

24. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the communication device is a digital device.

25. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device is implemented using a distributed architecture spanning at least two locations.

26. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device utilizes a programmed processor utilizing the TDM architecture.

27. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device utilizes a programmed processor utilizing packet switching.

28. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device utilizes a programmed processor utilizing a voice over IP (VoIP) architecture.

29. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second calls is facilitated via a VoIP connection.

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30. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein at least either of the first call or the second call is routed within the communication network.

31. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein both the first and second calls are facilitated via VoIP connections.

32. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device is located within a local service area corresponding to the specified recipient.

33. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the controlling device is configured as a tandem access controller.

34. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein the tandem access controller is coupled to and operates in conjunction with at least one of the switching facilities located within the communication network.

35. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein both the first and second calls are routed within the communication network.

36. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein at least either one of the first and second calls is facilitated over a wireless link.

37. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the communication network may use any one of a wired telephone device, a computing device, a wireless device, a cellular device, a portable device with cellular capability, and an information appliance.

38. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the communication network comprises a network of switching facilities performing a class 4 switching function.

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39. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, wherein the communication network comprises a network of class 4 switches.

40. (New) A method as defined in claim 22, where the control criteria are executed by the controlling device to perform one or more of the following operations:

- a) Web-Based Telecom Navigator;
- b) Manage Incoming Call Control;
- c) Conditional Call Blocking/Forwarding/Alerting; Call Screening/Retrieval from Voice Mail;
- d) Interactive Voice Response and Speech Recognition;
- e) Manage Outgoing Call Control;
- f) Click-to-Dial Calling;
- g) Group Calling and Messaging;
- h) Web-Based Billing;
- i) Cost-Effective Single Phone Number Access;
- j) Free Local Calls, Incoming Calls (not 800 Toll Service);
- k) Retain Current Number (Local Number Portability);
- l) Low-Cost Calling Throughout LATA;
- m) Flat-Rate Foreign Exchange;
- n) Standard DTMF and VoIP Phones;
- o) Centralized and Consistent Personal Data;
- p) Private/Public Phone Directories and Calendars;
- q) "Post-It" Style Annotation of Numbers;
- r) Web Dialing;
- s) Click-to-Dial from Web Pages, Directories, Calendars; Multiple Phone List Management; Voice Mail Access, Prompts, Alert Via Web; Mode-Based Definition and Selection, comprising Time-of-Day, Day-of-Week, Follow-Me, Caller Recognition/Password, Caller ID, Vacation, Dinner Time, Go Away, Family Call Waiting; Learning Modes; Automatic Data Capture; Build Phone List Based on Collected

Usage Information; VoIP Link Degradation Detection; and Automatic Cutover to the public switched communication network.

41. (New) A method for processing an incoming call from a switching facility on a communication network that comprises edge switches for routing calls within a local geographic area and switching facilities for routing calls to other geographic areas, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first call, at a controlling device in communication with the switching facility; which is intended for a specified recipient;

identifying one or more control criteria previously associated with the specified recipient, wherein the one or more control criteria are entered via a web-based interface;

initiating a second call at the controlling device via a packet-based connection in accordance with the control criteria associated with the specified recipient; and

connecting the first and second calls at the controlling device after the second call is received by a communication device associated with the specified recipient.

42. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein the specified recipient uses a communication device in communication with the controlling device via a web interface by which the specified recipient can view the status of calls or features designations.

43. (New) A method as defined in claim 42, wherein the communication device is any one of a wired telephone device, a computing device, a wireless device, a cellular device, a portable device with cellular capability, a digital device, and an information appliance.

44. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein the control criteria are executed by the controlling device to perform one or more of the following operations:

- a) Web-Based Telecom Navigator;
- b) Manage Incoming Call Control;
- c) Conditional Call Blocking/Forwarding/Alerting; Call Screening/Retrieval from Voice Mail;

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- n) Standard DTMF and VoIP Phones;
- o) Centralized and Consistent Personal Data;
- p) Private/Public Phone Directories and Calendars;
- q) "Post-It" Style Annotation of Numbers;
- r) Web Dialing;
- s) Click-to-Dial from Web Pages, Directories, Calendars; Multiple Phone List Management; Voice Mail Access, Prompts, Alert Via Web; Mode-Based Definition and Selection, comprising Time-of-Day, Day-of-Week, Follow-Me, Caller Recognition/Password, Caller ID, Vacation, Dinner Time, Go Away, Family Call Waiting; Learning Modes; Automatic Data Capture; Build Phone List Based on Collected Usage Information; VoIP Link Degradation Detection; and Automatic Cutover to the public switched communication network.

45. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein the packet-based connection includes a VOIP connection.

46. (New) A method for processing an incoming call from a switching facility on a communication network that comprises edge switches for routing calls within a local geographic area and switching facilities for routing calls to other geographic areas, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first call, which is intended for a specified recipient, at a controlling device in communication with the switching facility;

identifying one or more control criteria previously associated with the specified recipient, wherein the one or more control criteria are previously entered via a web-based interface; and

initiating one or more calls at the controlling device in accordance with the control criteria associated with the specified recipient; and

if the one or more calls are not answered by the specified recipient, routing the first call from the controlling device to a voicemail server.

47. (New) A method as defined in claim 46, wherein the communication network comprises a network of switching facilities performing a class 4 switching function.

48. (New) A method as defined in claim 46, wherein the communication network comprises a network of class 4 switches.

49. (New) A method for processing an incoming call from a switching facility on a communication network that comprises edge switches for routing calls within a local geographic area and switching facilities for routing calls to other geographic areas, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first call, which is intended for a specified recipient, at a controlling device in communication with the switching facility;

identifying one or more control criteria previously associated with the specified recipient, wherein the one or more control criteria are entered via a web-based interface; and

routing the first call from the controlling device to a voicemail server in accordance with the control criteria associated with the specified recipient.

50. (New) A method for processing an incoming call from a switching facility on a communication network that comprises edge switches for routing calls within a local geographic

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area and switching facilities for routing calls to other geographic areas, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first call, which is intended for a specified recipient, at a controlling device in communication with one of the switching facilities;

identifying a control criteria previously associated with the specified recipient, wherein the control criteria is previously entered via a web-based interface and instructs the controlling device to block calls for the specified recipient; and

blocking the first call received at the controlling device in accordance with the control criteria.

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REMARKS

In response to the final office action dated October 13, 2009, and a personal interview with the Examiner on January 11, 2010, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and an Amendment. At the outset, Applicants and the undersigned appreciate the Examiner's courtesy during the personal interview. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, and 12-21 are pending in this application and stand rejected under new grounds for rejection stated in the final office action. In addition, contemporaneously with these submissions, Applicants also submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure citing references and information from the other pending related applications and of which the Applicants have become aware. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, and 21, and present new claims 22-50 for the Examiner's continued consideration. Applicants have also demonstrated reasons why the claims in their present form are distinct from the art asserted by the Examiner and the art of record. Reconsideration of this application based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments urged here is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4-7, 10, 13-21 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Schwab et al. (U.S. Patent 6,381,323) in view of Sidhu et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,759) or Shah et al. (U.S. Patent 6,041,325).

On page 4 of the office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 3 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Schwab et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,759) in view of Sidhu et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,759) and further in view of Kugell et al. (U.S. Patent 5,802,160).

Applicants have described below the criteria for a 103 rejection and then, have demonstrated how the combination of the references does not teach all the elements of the Applicants' claims.

I. Governing Criteria for a 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

For rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 103, the establishment of a *prima facie* case of obviousness requires that all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.

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MPEP § 2143.03 The establishment of a prima facie case of obviousness requires that the claimed combination cannot change the principle of operation of the primary reference or render the reference inoperable for its intended purpose. MPEP § 2143.03.

The Supreme Court set the standard for evaluating obviousness in its recent decision (*KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc. et al.* (550 U.S. 127 S. Ct. 1727 (2007))) to be “expansive and flexible” and “functional.” However, the standard is not controlling, rather, the various noted factors only “can” or “might” be indicative of obviousness based on the facts. The Supreme Court in KSR enunciated the following principles:

“[w]hen a work is available in one field of endeavor, design incentives and other market forces can prompt variations of it, either in the same field or a different one. If a person of ordinary skill can implement a predictable variation, Section 103 likely bars it patentability. For the same reason, if a technique has been used to improve one device, and a person of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that it would improve similar devices in the same way, using the technique is obvious unless its actual application is beyond his or her skill...[A] court must ask whether the improvement is more than the predictable use of prior art elements according to their established functions.

Simply using the benefit of hindsight in combining references is improper. *In re Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, 1342-45 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *In re Deminski*, 796 F.2d 436, 442 (Fed. Cir. 1986)). The Supreme Court while recognizing the need “to guard against slipping into the use of hindsight,” acknowledged the following principles:

[r]ejection on obviousness grounds cannot be sustained by mere conclusory statements; instead, there must be some articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning to support the legal conclusion of obviousness.

[I]t can be important to identify a reason that would have prompted a person of ordinary skill in the relevant field to combine the elements in the way the claimed new invention does.

One of the ways in which a patent’s subject matter can be proved obvious is by noting that there existed at the time of invention a known problem for which there was an obvious solution encompassed by the patent’s claims.

Rather, obviousness is to be determined from the vantage point of a hypothetical person having ordinary skill in the art to which the patent pertains. See 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The legal construct

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also presumes that all prior art references in the field of the invention are available to this hypothetical skilled artisan. *In re Carlson*, 983 F.2d 1032, 1038, 25 USPQ 2d 1207, 1211 (Fed. Cir. 1993). The Supreme Court in *KSR* stated that:

a patent composed of several elements is not proved obvious merely by demonstrating that each of its elements was independently, known in the prior art.

An examiner may often find every element of a claimed invention in the prior art. “Virtually all [inventions] are combinations of old elements.” *Environmental Designs, Ltd. V. Union Oil Co.*, 713 F.2d 693, 698, 218 USPQ 865, 870 (Fed.Cir. 1983), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 1043 (1984); see also *Richel, Inc. v. Sunspool Corp.*, 714 F.2d 1573, 1579-80, 219 USPQ 8, 12 (Fed.Cir. 1983). If identification of each claimed element in the prior art were sufficient to negate patentability, very few patents would ever issue. Furthermore, rejecting patents solely by finding prior art corollaries for the claimed elements would permit an examiner to use the claimed invention itself as a blueprint for piecing together elements in the prior art to defeat the patentability of the claimed invention. Such an approach would be “an illogical and inappropriate process by which to determine patentability.” *Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerosonic Corp.*, 81 F.3d 1566, 1570, 38 U.S.P.Q.2d 1551, 1554 (Fed.Cir.1996). In other words, the examiner must show reasons that the skilled artisan, confronted with the same problems as the inventor and with no knowledge of the claimed invention, would select the elements from the cited prior art references for combination in the manner claimed. The Supreme Court in *KSR* has also stated that:

[o]ften, it will be necessary for a court to look to interrelated teachings of multiple patents; the effects of demands known to the design community or present in the market place.

Further, the Supreme Court states that:

The Court relied upon the corollary principle that when the prior art **teaches away** from combining certain known elements, discovery of a successful means of combining them is more likely to be nonobvious.

II. Discussion of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 10, 13-21 as unpatentable over the patent to Schwab et al., in view of the patent to Sidhu et al., or the patent to Shah et al. The Examiner alleges that,

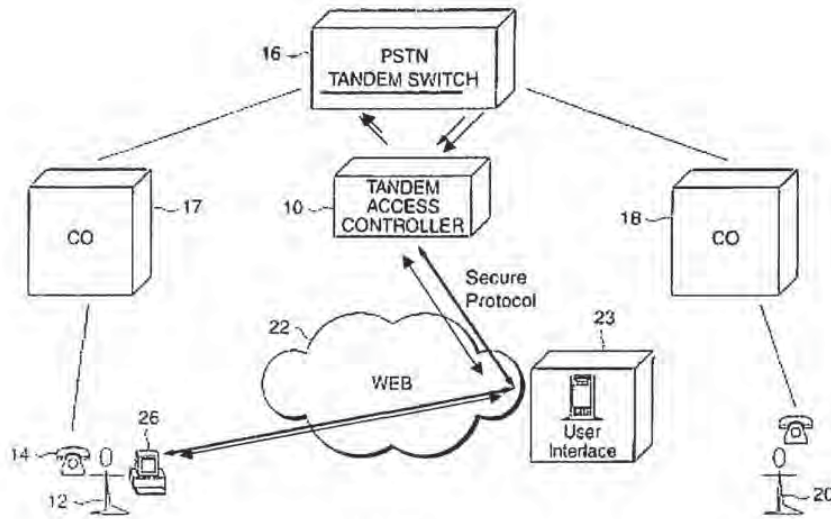
Schwab et al disclose in col. 1, lines 40 et seq. a method of routing incoming phone calls that includes the steps of coupling an incoming call to a subscriber to a platform, then in step (e) Schwab et al disclose "if it is determined that a 'simultaneous' search feature is active, then the incoming call will be directed to all number's on the subscriber's simultaneous list stored on the platform. In col. 4, lines 43, et seq. Schwab et al disclose that if the subscriber chooses simultaneous ring option, all of the phone numbers selected by the subscriber will ring at once until one of the phone numbers is answered. Schwab et al never specifically disclose that once a phone answers the call that the other phones will abandon the call, but this is inherently what is happening because once the call is answered the network will abandon/cease calling the other phones in order to conserve network resources and thus save money.

Schwab et al processing platform 18 is deemed to be within the PSTN, and is NOT considered to be an "edge device." According to Newton's Telecom Dictionary, page 352, 23rd Ed., an edge device is defined as a physical device capable of forwarding packets between legacy interworking interfaces and ATM interfaces. A physical device that sits on edges of the internet under control of the ISP. Newton's Dictionary defines the PSTN, page 748, as the "entire interconnected collection of local, long distance, and international phone companies. No where in Schwab et al is there any disclosure of the Internet or packets/frames. Neither does Schwab et al call their processing platform an "edge device." Therefore, since Schwab et al neither disclose the Internet or packet transmission nor do they disclose that platform 18 to be an "edge

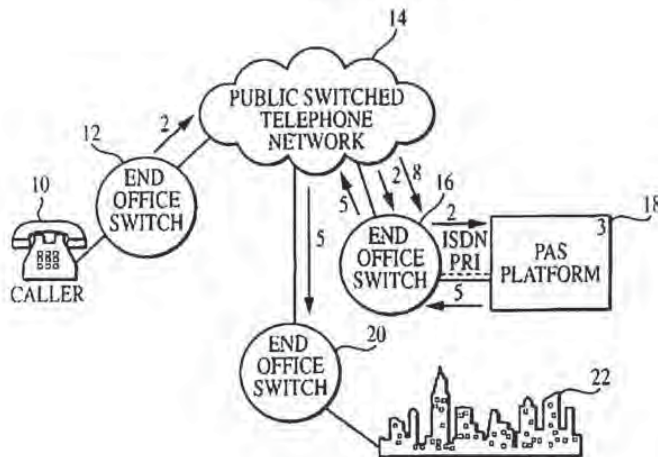
device," the Examiner disagrees with applicants['] assertion that platform 18 is an edge device. Even though Schwab et al has not included the EO (12, 16, 20), platform 18, and caller 10 within the PSTN cloud 14 in the drawings, all those elements are deemed to be within the PSTN according to Newton's definition of the PSTN.

Schwab et al do not disclose that the service features provisioning is done through the Internet. However, Sidhu et al disclose in claim 4 a provisioning function that provides a feature request form to a user on one of the data channels, with the feature request form to a user on one of the data channels, with the feature request form being presented to the user in a web browser. Shah et al teach in Fig. 6 and col. 11, lines 12 et seq. that access point 30 presents users with Internet browser screens the ability to provision services. Some of the specific service provisions shown in Fig. 5 are call waiting and call forwarding. To have provided either Sidhu or Shah et al teaching of allowing a user/subscriber to provision telephony service features through the Internet in Schwab et al device would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both references are teaching different service features available to users and skilled in artisan in this art would have used common sense to combine the features of the references together.

Applicants followed the Examiner's attempted reasoning and explained the differences, during the personal interview, between Schwab et. al., the other asserted prior art, and their system. As indicated during the personal interview, Schwab demonstrates an architecture (see below Schwab's figure in comparison with Applicants' figure, also discussed during the personal interview) distinct from Applicants' architecture that is claimed here.



TELEMAZE



SCHWAB

Applicants respectfully submit that in Schwab, any “features” that are applied to calls being routed are via an end office switch (also referred to as an edge switch or a central office (CO) switch). The end office switch connects calls from calling (telephone company subscribers) parties to called parties only within a local geographic area. Consistent with Newton’s definition, on which the Examiner relies, Schwab’s “end office switch” could arguably

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be considered to be “within” the PSTN. The PSTN is a configuration of switching facilities for routing calls from calling parties to called parties, comprising a plurality of end office switches (also referred to as central office switches or edge switches (e.g., a class 5 switch)) and a plurality of interconnected switching facilities (also referred to as tandem switches). The end office switches connect calling parties to called parties only within a local geographic area. The tandem switching facilities route calls received via end office switches or other tandem switching facilities to called parties within other geographic areas (national or international, beyond the local geographic area that a subscriber is in). Typically, a telephone call involves an originating end office switch, a plurality of tandem switches, and a terminating end office switch. Therefore, in Schwab, the application of “features” to call routing operations is restricted within the local geographic area of a particular end office switch (local to the calling party that originates the call).

Applicants’ architecture is not only distinct, but a significant improvement over Schwab or any of the other art asserted by the Examiner or of record, because it facilitates application of “features” to call routing operations anywhere in the network (geographic areas beyond the local geographic area). Applicants’ architecture permits subscribers (called parties or third parties) to access call routing operations at the switching facilities (also referred to as tandem switching facilities¹) that interconnect end office switches to other geographic areas that are not local to an end office switch. Applicants’ have amended the claims here to emphasize this distinction. Rather than to simply refer to a “PSTN,” the claims now define the various components of the PSTN architecture and indicate the point (switching facility within the PSTN) at which Applicants’ system has access to apply the “features” requested by a subscriber to call routing operations. In addition, neither Sidhu nor Shah discloses the architecture that is lacking in Schwab and claimed here. The Examiner relies on these references for a teaching of web access, which he acknowledges is also lacking in Schwab. Even with a teaching of web access in either Sidhu or Shah, a combination of all three references does not meet all the elements of the claims at issue here.

¹ Any point in the switching fabric of converging networks, also referred to in industry as a signal transfer point (STP), signal control point (SCP), session border controller (SBC), gateway, access tandem, class 4 switch, wire center, toll office, toll center, PSTN switching center, intercarrier connection point, trunk gateway, hybrid switch, etc.

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Specifically, the claims define receiving first calls at a controller facility (also referred to as a tandem access controller) and applying "features" that were previously designated, via web access, by the subscribers, and then, making second calls, if necessary, to accomplish the designated features. Applicants have also presented some new claims for the Examiner's consideration, including ones that define the particular features, for example, routing to voice mail and call blocking.

Moreover, although Kugell discloses tandem switching facilities, it does not disclose Applicants' architecture for applying "features." Instead, Kugell suggests major modifications to the PSTN.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 13-21 are distinct for the reasons demonstrated above. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 13-21. In addition, claims 3 and 12 are distinct by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 10, respectively, from which they depend. Again, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of these claims and to allow them.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of the rejected claims and the new claims presented here is respectfully requested. In addition, Applicants and the undersigned request the Examiner to kindly call the undersigned in the event outstanding issues remain, in order to expedite conclusion of prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, 37 CFR §§ 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants bring the following documents, of possible interest to the subject matter of this application, to the attention of the Examiner. Each of these documents is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicants are providing copies of the listed documents, except for U.S. patents and U.S. patent publication applications. In the event the Examiner would like copies of the U.S. patents and published applications as well, the Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make these documents of record with respect to this application. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are providing below comments on select references. The Examiner is requested to make an independent determination on the relevance of the documents.

1. RFC 3298 Service in the PSTN:

This document describes protocols for use in an internet or other intelligent network (PSTN/IN). The protocols that are described are for use to optimize the network. This document also discloses “features” such as “call forwarding” that can be applied within a network, however, with modifications to the existing networks and limited routing only within a local geographic area. Moreover, this document does not disclose web-based access by subscribers to request features, nor first call and second functionalities.

2. Implementing Automatic Location Update for Follow-Me Database Using VoIP and Bluetooth Technologies

This document discloses a particular method of using databases in a VoIP network to enable a user to request call features such as “follow-me” using VoIP and Bluetooth technologies. Again, this document describes “features,” but via a method that requires modifications to the existing networks and limited routing only within a local geographic area. Again, this document does not disclose web-based access by subscribers to request features, nor first call and second functionalities.

3. New Services Demand Integration

This document recognizes that networks, such as the public switched telephone network (PSTN) and the internet (packet-based) networks are fast converging and that the new emerging networks will require new services to facilitate user interfaces. It should be noted that the document publication is after Applicants’ priority date (parent patent no. 6,574,328, filed on May 2000). This document is of background interest only and does not address application of “features,” via web access or otherwise, nor first call and second functionalities.

4. Natural Microsystems

This document describes the SS7 software product that natural Microsystems introduced to the market. SS7 is a standard protocol used in the PSTN for signaling call management within the network. SS7 was widely known and used by carriers in the PSTN to perform circuit switching operations. Applicants’ parent patent no. 6,574,328, filed on May 2000, describes the SS7 protocol.

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The document is of background interest only and does not address application of “features,” via web access or otherwise, nor first call and second functionalities.

5. Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Technology will Make the Phone Box Something That Really Talks

This document describes the advantages of VoIP and VoIP telephones that will make new technologies available to telephone users and the advantages of VoIP. The document is of background interest only and does not address application of “features,” via web access or otherwise, nor first call and second functionalities.

6. Using Optimization to Achieve Efficient Quality of Service in Voice Over IP Networks

This document recognizes the need for improved quality service in VoIP networks. As recognized in Applicants’ parent disclosure, VoIP’s quality of service (“QOS”) was less than the quality of the PSTN networks. The document is of background interest only and does not address application of “features,” via web access or otherwise, nor first call and second functionalities.

7. Broadsoft Literature Broadworks Overview

This document describes Broadworks, a product that consists of software modules, which may be integrated into a hardware platform such as the Sun Solaris Network Platform for use at call centers and other such large enterprises. Broadworks discloses a system for adding “call features” to an existing Class 5¹ and packet networks. Broadworks discloses a set of tools that can be used to

¹ Dictionary definitions, “Newton’s Telecom Dictionary,” 15th Edition, February 1999, ISBN Number 1-57820-001-8

Class 4 Office

The fourth level in AT&T’s long distance toll switching hierarchy – the major switching center to which toll calls from Class 5 offices are sent. In U.S. common carrier telephony service, a toll center designated “Class 4C” is an office where assistance in completing incoming calls is provided in addition to other traffic. A toll center designated “Class 4P” is an office where operators handle only outbound calls, or where switching is performed without operator assistance.

Class 5 Office

An end office. Your local central office. The lowest level in the hierarchy of local and long distance switching which AT&T set up when it was “The Bell System.” A class 5 office is a local Central Office that serves as a network entry point for station loops and certain special-service lines. Also called an End Office. Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 are toll offices in the telephone network.

See also, Engineering and Operations in the Bell system, Second edition, 1977,1983, Bell telephone Laboratories,

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replace the existing Class 5 central office switches. This document discloses a web-based interface to provide users access, and “call features,” but proposes an implementation (via replacement of the existing edge switch) and therefore, does not accommodate the existing network infrastructure. Moreover, the features are limited to a local geographic area because of the implementation via the edge switch and there are no first call and second call functionalities. It should be noted that this document antedates Applicants’ parent patent no. 6,574,328, which has a priority date of May 2000.

8. BroadSoft Introduces Industry’s First Complete Service Delivery and Creation Product Suite for Enhanced Telephony Services Broadworks

This document discloses a system for integrating services that are web-enabled and offer specific features such as group directories, call forwarding, option configurations, in to the PSTN and packet (VoIP) networks. The system disclosed is web-enabled and offers specific features such as group directories, call forwarding, option configuration, messaging, and auto attendant services. However, these features are implemented in a different way, by requiring replacement of the existing edge switch with a Broadsoft switch (unlike Applicants’ implementation, which works with the existing edge switch). Again, the features are limited to a local geographic area and there are no first call and second call functionalities.

9. Broadsoft Unveils Advanced Architecture for the Rapid and Cost Effective Delivery of Enhanced Communications Services

This article discloses a set of software tools for building a processing platform directed to a VoIP implementation. This document discloses a system for integrating services for packet (VoIP) networks. The system disclosed is web enabled and offers features such as group directories, call forwarding, option configuration, messaging, and auto attendant services. However, these features are implemented in a different way, by requiring replacement of the existing edge switch with a Broadsoft switch (unlike Applicants’ implementation, which works with the existing edge switch). Again, the features are limited to a local geographic area and there are no first call and second call functionalities.

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also See index under Electronic Switching system(s)

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10. U.S. Patent No. 6853714 to Liljestrand

This patent is directed to an apparatus and method for enhanced telecommunication services. This patent discloses another VoIP approach to changing the network on a large scale. It proposes an upgrade to the existing carriers' equipment and network architecture. The patent merely mentions the possibility of web access, but does not disclose how to accomplish it, and does not disclose first call and second call functionalities.

11. U.S. Patent No. 4,348,554, U.S. Patent No. 4,611,094 & U.S. Patent No. 4,611,096 to Asmuth

The Asmuth patents disclose a system and method to upgrade the architecture and infrastructure of the public switched network (PSTN) to enable the system to direct telephone calls to a selected group of customers with decisions controlled by the carrier. These patents also do not address web access application of features by subscribers, nor application of features in the entire fabric of networks, or first call and second call functionalities.

Finally, Applicants bring their related patents and applications to the Examiner's attention.

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Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

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| | Art Unit | 2614 |
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| | Attorney Docket Number | TLM-103.DIV |

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| Name | Jerry A. Klein | Telephone | 650-948-1243 |
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TELEMAZE, LLC, a limited liability company

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states that it is:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Jerry A. Klein, Telemaze, LLC

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 SEP '09.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-7,10 and 12-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,8,9 and 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4-7, 10, 13-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab et al in view of Sidhu et al, U.S. Pat. #6,744,759 or Shah et al, U.S. Pat. #6,041,325.

Schwab et al disclose in col. 1, lines 40 et seq. a method of routing incoming phone calls that includes the steps of coupling an incoming call to a subscriber to a platform, then in step (e) Schwab et al disclose "if it is determined that a 'simultaneous' search feature is active, then the incoming call will be directed to *all* number's on the subscriber's simultaneous list stored on the platform. In col. 4, lines 43, et seq. Schwab et al disclose that if the subscriber chooses simultaneous ring option, all of the phone numbers selected by the subscriber will ring at once until one of the phone numbers is answered. Schwab et al never specifically disclose that once a phone answers the call that the other phones will abandon the call, but this is inherently what is happening because once the call is answered the network will abandon/cease calling the other phones in order to conserve network resources and thus save money.

Schwab et al processing platform 18 is deemed to be within the PSTN, and is NOT considered to be an "edge device." According to Newton's Telecom Dictionary, page 352, 23rd Ed., an edge device is defined as a physical device capable of forwarding packets between legacy interworking interfaces and ATM interfaces. A physical device

that sits on edges of the Internet under control of the ISP. Newton's Dictionary defines the PSTN, page 748, as "the entire interconnected collection of local, long distance, and international phone companies. No where in Schwab et al is there any disclosure of the Internet or packets/frames. Neither does Schwab et al call their processing platform an "edge device". Therefore, since Schwab et al neither disclose the Internet or packet transmission nor do they disclose that platform 18 to be an "edge device," examiner disagrees with applicant's assertion that platform 18 is an edge device. Even though Schwab et al has not included the EO (12, 16, 20), platform 18, and caller 10 within the PSTN cloud 14 in the drawings, all those elements are deemed to be within the PSTN according to Newton's definition of the PSTN.

Schwab et al do not disclose that the service features provisioning is done through the Internet. However, Sidhu et al disclose in claim 4 a provisioning function that provides a feature request form to a user on one of the data channels, with the feature request form being presented to the user in a web browser. Shah et al teach in Fig. 6 and col. 11, lines 12 et seq. that access point 30 presents users with Internet browser screens the ability to provision services. Some of the specific service provisions shown in Fig. 5 are call waiting and call forwarding. To have provided either Sidhu or Shah et al teaching of allowing a user/subscriber to provision telephony service features through the Internet in Schwab et al device would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both references are teaching different service features available to users and skilled artisan in this art would have used common sense to combine the features of the references together. For claim 2, see Fig. 1, element #14.

Claims 3, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab et al in view of Sidhu et al or Shah et al and further in view of Kugell et al, U.S. Pat. #5,802,160.

Kugell et al disclose in col. 5, lines 48 et seq. simultaneous ringing at a home number 21 and a cellular number 24 when a 1-800 number is called. Kugell et al further disclose in col. 4, lines 54 et seq the use of ANI to determine who is calling. To have used Kugell's teaching of the use of ANI in Schwab et al routing system would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both references are teaching simultaneous ringing of forwarded calls.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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**SUPPLEMENT RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION-RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants responded to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009, with a response dated July 27, 2009. The PTO sent a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on September 21, 2009, indicating that the added claims should not have been underlined. This response is identical to the July 27 response except the added claims are not underlined. The due date for this corrected response without fee is October 21, 2009.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method performed by a web-enabled processing system connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

receiving a call from in response to a calling party entering a first number, using a communications device, an end-unit intended for to a subscriber, the processing system processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two or more calls simultaneously to at least two or more associated different communications devices end-units designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices end-units; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to other the remaining one or more communications devices end-units and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device end-unit and the answered communications device end-unit.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a calling feature, previously selected by the subscriber to be performed on the call, the calling feature being to forward the call to at least two ~~or more~~ communications devices ~~end units~~; and

simultaneously placing at least two calls ~~the call~~ to at least ~~the two or more~~ communications devices ~~end units~~.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the at least ~~the two or more~~ calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ are any combination of local call, long distance call, ~~and~~ cellular call, and VOIP call.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

6. (original) The method of Claim 5 wherein the answer supervision is pursuant to the SS7 signaling protocol.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has ~~enter~~ entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A controller connected ~~within the~~ to a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system connected within the PSTN and linked to the internet for selecting at least one calling feature via the internet, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

receiving a call from a calling party, using a communications device ~~an end-unit, to~~ intended for a subscriber, whereby said processing system implements a calling feature previously designated by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two ~~or more~~ calls simultaneously to at least two ~~or more~~ associated different communications devices ~~end-units~~ previously designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices ~~end-units~~; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to ~~other~~ the remaining one or more communications devices ~~end-units~~ and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device ~~end-unit~~ and the answered communications device ~~end-unit~~.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is programmed to perform the process comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a feature, selected by the subscriber, to be performed on the call, the feature being to forward the call to the at least two or more different communications devices ~~end units~~; and

simultaneously placing the at least two calls ~~the call to the at least the two or more different communications devices~~ ~~end units~~.

13. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the at least two ~~the two or more~~ calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ are any combination of local call, long distance call, ~~and~~ cellular call, and VOIP call.

14. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

15. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has ~~enter~~ entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

16. (original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to the PSTN in the subscriber's local service area.

17. (original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of residential telephone service.

18. (new) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of business telephone service.

19. (new) A method performed by a processing system within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

receiving the at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by said subscriber via the internet;

detecting that one of the calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between said subscriber's communications device and the answered communications device.

20. (new) A controller connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature over the web, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling

feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

receiving at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by the subscriber via the internet;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

21. (new) A controller connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature via the internet, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

receiving a call under the control of said controller from a calling party, using a communications device, intended for a subscriber, the processing system processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

invoking the at least one calling feature prior to said received call reaching a terminating central office, said at least one calling feature placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices previously designated by said subscriber;

detecting that one of at least two calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-7, 10, and 12-21 are pending after the amendments. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 12-15 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. Claims 2, 8, 9, 11 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 11, respectively. Claims 18-21 have been added. Additionally, the term "end unit" used in the claims was changed to "communications device" to be clearer. All amendments are supported by Figs. 1, 2, and 5, page 8, line 5, to page 9, line 25, and the original claims.

The examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-17 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Schwab (US 6,381,323).

"Within the PSTN"

All independent Claims 1, 10, 19-21 now contain the limitation that the processing system is "within the public switched telephone network (PSTN)" to better distinguish the claims over Schwab.

Schwab discloses a "PAS platform 18" that can be programmed by subscribers to do simultaneous call forwarding. The PAS platform 18 is an edge device (see Fig. 1). Edge devices are discussed on page 2, lines 19-27, of Applicants' specification and suffer several disadvantages.

It is known to those of skill in the art that as part of the deregulation of the telecommunications industry in the 1980's the carriers agreed not to operate or maintain equipment or facilities located on the customer's premise. It was also agreed that equipment connected to the PSTN would be FCC registered, and that demarcation points (smart jacks) would be installed at the edge of the customer's premise to provide a boundary between the PSTN and the subscriber. Subscriber-operated equipment connected to the PSTN are called edge devices and are considered outside the PSTN.

Schwab uses "personal access service (PAS)" numbers to provide a means for subscribers to access the platform 18 (see col. 4, lines 13-16). PAS numbers are similar

to direct inward dial (DID) numbers used to connect customer provided PABXs to the PSTN as the local exchange carrier would rent a block of numbers to a subscriber who would then assign them to its customers using the platform. Many carriers now use ISDN PRIs (primary rate interface) as a method of delivery of these numbers. If the PAS platform 18 was within the PSTN, then PAS numbers would be unnecessary as the carriers using the platform would simply provide local numbers from its number pool, or, even better, use local number portability to LNP the subscribers number directly to the platform. No discussion of local number portability appears in Schwab.

The edge device descriptions are found in Schwab as follows:

Connection to the PSTN Col. 5, line 45

FCC Col. 5, Line 50

PRI, BRI, Col. 5, lines 50-51

End Office Switch Col. 5, line 53

Smart Jack Col. 5, line 54

Line Side Connection Col. 6, line 8

Customer Premises Equipment Col. 6, lines 9-10

Thus the platform 18 in Schwab is not inside the PSTN and is exemplary of an edge device.

Therefore, since all of Applicants' independent claims include the limitation that the processing system is connected within the PSTN, these claims are not suggested by Schwab. There are many advantages to the processing system being connected within the PSTN so the difference is very significant.

“Web Enabled, Internet”

The limitation that the calling feature implemented by the processing system is programmed into the processing system via the internet has been added to all the independent claims.

Although Schwab mentions the “web” just one time in passing at Col. 4, line 30, in the entire 76-page patent, it does not suggest or disclose any of the web-enabling features described and shown in detail in the specification and drawings of Applicants’ application.

The “PAS PLATFORM 18” as shown in Schwab’s Fig. 4 is deficient as it is missing key elements for web enablement, such as the web server and the link to the internet.

Applicants’ claimed invention allows subscriber control, via the internet, over the claimed calling feature performed by the processing system. This is not suggested by Schwab.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, and 12-15, have been amended to distinctly point out these patentably distinguishable features not found in Schwab. New Claims 18-21 have been added to the application. These new claims patentably distinguish over Schwab for the same reasons as stated above with respect to Claims 1-17.

Dependent Claims 3 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab in view of Kugell (U.S. patent 5,802,160). Schwab in combination with Kugell could not suggest the various amended independent claims, so the dependent claims are also non-obvious.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable. If the examiner would like to discuss the claims with Applicant’s attorney, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-382-0480 x202.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

This responds to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method performed by a web-enabled processing system connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

receiving a call ~~from~~ in response to a calling party entering a first number, using a communications device, ~~an end-unit intended for~~ a subscriber, ~~the processing system~~ processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two ~~or more~~ calls simultaneously to at least two ~~or more~~ associated different communications devices ~~end-units~~ designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices ~~end-units~~; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to ~~either~~ the remaining one or more communications devices ~~end-units~~ and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device ~~end-unit~~ and the answered communications device ~~end-unit~~.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a calling feature, previously selected by the subscriber to be performed on the call, the calling feature being to forward the call to at least two ~~or more~~ communications devices ~~end units~~; and

simultaneously placing at least two calls ~~the call~~ to at least the two ~~or more~~ communications devices ~~end units~~.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the at least the two ~~or more~~ calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ are any combination of local call, long distance call, ~~and~~ cellular call, and VOIP call.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

6. (original) The method of Claim 5 wherein the answer supervision is pursuant to the SS7 signaling protocol.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has ~~enter~~ entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A controller connected within the ~~to a~~ public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system connected within the PSTN and linked to the internet for selecting at least one calling feature via the internet, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

receiving a call from a calling party, using a communications device ~~an end-unit, to~~ intended for a subscriber, whereby said processing system implements a calling feature previously designated by said subscriber via the internet;

placing at least two ~~or more~~ calls simultaneously to at least two ~~or more~~ associated different communications devices ~~end-units~~ previously designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices ~~end-units~~; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to ~~other~~ the remaining one or more communications devices ~~end-units~~ and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device ~~end-unit~~ and the answered communications device ~~end-unit~~.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is programmed to perform the process comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a feature, selected by the subscriber, to be performed on the call, the feature being to forward the call to the at least two or more different communications devices ~~end units~~; and

simultaneously placing the at least two calls ~~the call to the at least the two or more different communications devices~~ ~~end units~~.

13. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the at least two ~~the two or more~~ calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ are any combination of local call, long distance call, ~~and~~ cellular call, and VOIP call.

14. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein, when one of the calls to the communications devices ~~end units~~ is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

15. (currently amended) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has ~~enter~~ entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

16. (original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to the PSTN in the subscriber's local service area.

17. (original) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of residential telephone service.

18. (new) The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of business telephone service.

19. (new) A method performed by a processing system within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

receiving the at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by said subscriber via the internet;

detecting that one of the calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between said subscriber's communications device and the answered communications device.

20. (new) A controller connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature over the web, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices designated by a subscriber using a communications device, the processing system processing the calls pursuant to at least one calling

feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

receiving at least two calls made simultaneously to said at least two different communications devices designated by the subscriber via the internet;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

21. (new) A controller connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system linked to the internet for allowing a subscriber to select at least one calling feature via the internet, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

receiving a call under the control of said controller from a calling party, using a communications device, intended for a subscriber, the processing system processing the call pursuant to at least one calling feature designated by said subscriber, where the at least one calling feature had previously been communicated to the processing system by said subscriber via the internet;

invoking the at least one calling feature prior to said received call reaching a terminating central office, said at least one calling feature placing at least two calls simultaneously to at least two different communications devices previously designated by said subscriber;

detecting that one of at least two calls has been answered at one of the communications devices; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to the remaining one or more communications devices and establishing a connection between the calling party's communications device and the answered communications device.

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-7, 10, and 12-21 are pending after the amendments. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 12-15 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. Claims 2, 8, 9, 11 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 11, respectively. Claims 18-21 have been added. Additionally, the term "end unit" used in the claims was changed to "communications device" to be clearer. All amendments are supported by Figs. 1, 2, and 5, page 8, line 5, to page 9, line 25, and the original claims.

The examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-17 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Schwab (US 6,381,323).

"Within the PSTN"

All independent Claims 1, 10, 19-21 now contain the limitation that the processing system is "within the public switched telephone network (PSTN)" to better distinguish the claims over Schwab.

Schwab discloses a "PAS platform 18" that can be programmed by subscribers to do simultaneous call forwarding. The PAS platform 18 is an edge device (see Fig. 1). Edge devices are discussed on page 2, lines 19-27, of Applicants' specification and suffer several disadvantages.

It is known to those of skill in the art that as part of the deregulation of the telecommunications industry in the 1980's the carriers agreed not to operate or maintain equipment or facilities located on the customer's premise. It was also agreed that equipment connected to the PSTN would be FCC registered, and that demarcation points (smart jacks) would be installed at the edge of the customer's premise to provide a boundary between the PSTN and the subscriber. Subscriber-operated equipment connected to the PSTN are called edge devices and are considered outside the PSTN.

Schwab uses "personal access service (PAS)" numbers to provide a means for subscribers to access the platform 18 (see col. 4, lines 13-16). PAS numbers are similar

to direct inward dial (DID) numbers used to connect customer provided PABXs to the PSTN as the local exchange carrier would rent a block of numbers to a subscriber who would then assign them to its customers using the platform. Many carriers now use ISDN PRIs (primary rate interface) as a method of delivery of these numbers. If the PAS platform 18 was within the PSTN, then PAS numbers would be unnecessary as the carriers using the platform would simply provide local numbers from its number pool, or, even better, use local number portability to LNP the subscribers number directly to the platform. No discussion of local number portability appears in Schwab.

The edge device descriptions are found in Schwab as follows:

Connection to the PSTN Col. 5, line 45

FCC Col. 5, Line 50

PRI, BRI, Col. 5, lines 50-51

End Office Switch Col. 5, line 53

Smart Jack Col. 5, line 54

Line Side Connection Col. 6, line 8

Customer Premises Equipment Col. 6, lines 9-10

Thus the platform 18 in Schwab is not inside the PSTN and is exemplary of an edge device.

Therefore, since all of Applicants' independent claims include the limitation that the processing system is connected within the PSTN, these claims are not suggested by Schwab. There are many advantages to the processing system being connected within the PSTN so the difference is very significant.

“Web Enabled, Internet”

The limitation that the calling feature implemented by the processing system is programmed into the processing system via the internet has been added to all the independent claims.

Although Schwab mentions the “web” just one time in passing at Col. 4, line 30, in the entire 76-page patent, it does not suggest or disclose any of the web-enabling features described and shown in detail in the specification and drawings of Applicants’ application.

The “PAS PLATFORM 18” as shown in Schwab’s Fig. 4 is deficient as it is missing key elements for web enablement, such as the web server and the link to the internet.

Applicants’ claimed invention allows subscriber control, via the internet, over the claimed calling feature performed by the processing system. This is not suggested by Schwab.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, and 12-15, have been amended to distinctly point out these patentably distinguishable features not found in Schwab. New Claims 18-21 have been added to the application. These new claims patentably distinguish over Schwab for the same reasons as stated above with respect to Claims 1-17.

Dependent Claims 3 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab in view of Kugell (U.S. patent 5,802,160). Schwab in combination with Kugell could not suggest the various amended independent claims, so the dependent claims are also non-obvious.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable. If the examiner would like to discuss the claims with Applicant’s attorney, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-382-0480 x202.

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- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
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- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
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- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
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- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(E) as being anticipated by Schwab et al, U.S. Pat. #6,381,323.

Schwab et al disclose in col. 1, lines 40 et seq. a method of routing incoming phone calls that includes the steps of coupling an incoming call to a subscriber to a platform, then in step (e) Schwab et al disclose "if it is determined that a 'simultaneous' search feature is active, then the incoming call will be directed to **all** number's on the subscriber's simultaneous list stored on the platform. In col. 4, lines 43, et seq. Schwab et al disclose that if the subscriber chooses simultaneous ring option, all of the phone numbers selected by the subscriber will ring at once until one of the phone numbers is answered. Schwab et al never specifically disclose that once a phone answers the call that the other phones will abandon the call, but this is inherently what is happening because once the call is answered the network will abandon/cease calling the other phones in order to conserve network resources and thus save money. For claim 2, see Fig. 1, element #14.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwab et al in view of Kugell et al, U.S. Pat. #5,802,160.

Kugell et al disclose in col. 5, lines 48 et seq. simultaneous ringing at a home number 21 and a cellular number 24 when a 1-800 number is called. Kugell et al further disclose in col. 4, lines 54 et seq the use of ANI to determine who is calling. To have used Kugell's teaching of the use of ANI in Schwab et al routing system would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art because both references are teaching simultaneous ringing of forwarded calls.

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5. U.S. Patent 6,094,478 to Shepherd describes a processor for providing features, where the processor is located at the terminating central office.
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BRANCH CALLING AND CALLER ID BASED
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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entitled "Telephone Call Control System for the Public Switched Telephone Network," now
U. S. Paten No. 6,574,328, both incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

15 This invention relates to telephone services and, in particular, to a system for
allowing a subscriber to select features of the subscriber's telephone service and to various
novel features that can be selected.

BACKGROUND

20 People have used various means for limiting interruptions due to the telephone. In the
past, people used switchboards and secretaries to screen incoming, or inbound, calls. Voice
mail systems took over some of this role both in the home and in the central office. Today,
there are web-based companies managing 3rd-party call control, via the toll-switch network,
which allow users to enter call control information through a web portal. There are also edge
devices in each of the public telephone company's central offices which provide local control,
25 but offer an extremely limited number of features and do not provide true 3rd-party call
control.

The web-based toll systems provide good user interaction but they are not economical
and cannot take advantage of local number portability because they do not provide local
control and connectivity.

The Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) consists of a plurality of edge switches connected to telephones on one side and to a network of tandem switches on the other. The tandem switch network allows connectivity between all of the edge switches, and a signalling system is used by the PSTN to allow calling and to transmit both calling and called party identity.

Until now, optional features were provided by the local service telephone company (telco) through the edge switch at the central office (CO). It was not possible to provide optional features through any other means. Control of these features was done through the first party (calling party) or the second party (called party), or worse yet, manually by calling the business office.

In the past, numerous devices have been built that allow the connection of two lines together at an edge switch. These devices can be used to add features to a telephone network by receiving a call on one line and then dialing out on another line. The problem with these devices is that, because they are connected through an edge switch, transmission losses and impairments occur, degrading the overall connection. In addition, signalling limitations prevent full control, by the subscriber or the system, over the call.

A preferred embodiment of the inventive system described herein connects at the tandem, thereby eliminating these problems.

In the edge devices residing in the PSTN central offices, the 1st party (the calling party) has numerous features available (dialing options). The 2nd party (called party) also has options available such as call forwarding, but these features typically require access from the first or second party's device and are extremely awkward to program. The user interaction is not only awkward, it is limited and requires interaction with the telephone company to provision them. In other words, past systems for provisioning, meaning addition, modification, or control of telephone features, required a subscriber to make the feature selection through the telephone business office. Central office workers would then implement the provisioning under request of the business office.

Call Forwarding is one popular provision. There is significant transmission degradation for Call Forwarding to take place. The calling party pays for a call to the edge

device, and the edge subscriber, the called party, pays for the call to the forwarding number. For enhanced inbound call control to occur, a direct 3rd-party call control means is needed.

A variety of services have arisen to address the problems mentioned above. Many of these systems allow the called party to make changes to his/her call forwarding attributes
5 which do not allow direct 3rd-party call control. These services provide good user interaction, some via the internet, but they rely upon the toll network through the use of "800" numbers.

This requires the subscriber to pay by the minute and does not allow the subscriber to take advantage of number portability in order to obtain 3rd-party call control. There are other toll network mechanisms for remote call forwarding. For example, MCI offers a service where
10 the customer can remotely change the forwarding target number for "800" numbers. Contacting the ultimate end-user before terminating the first incoming call is similar to the manner in which "800" credit calls and collect calls are processed, but these are not done at the local subscriber level.

In addition to these toll services, there are edge devices that perform some of the
15 same services. Edge devices such as phones and PBXs that include voice mail, inter-active voice response, call forwarding, speed calling, etc., have been used to provide additional call control. These devices allow the phone user direct control over incoming and outgoing calls. The disadvantage of edge devices is that they add cost, degrade voice and transmission quality, can be difficult to program, are not easily programmed remotely, can require the user
20 to pay for two lines, provide lower quality of service, and cannot provide the same level of functionality as a system that controls the PSTN directly. There are Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) products emerging that provide better user interfaces and control but they do not take advantage and voice quality of the PSTN.

25 SUMMARY

A system for allowing a subscriber to remotely control features is described herein along with various telephone features that may be programmed into the system. A subscriber may be any customer using the telephone service, in contrast to employees of the PSTN who may use special communication networks within the PSTN. Two such features are caller ID

(CID) based call routing and branch calling. The system allows the subscriber to set up a feature where the CID signal is detected within the PSTN and automatically associated with stored information relating to the caller. The stored information may have been previously entered into a memory within the PSTN by the subscriber via the world wide web. The CID
5 signal may be also used to route the call to one of more forwarding numbers or to take any other action, such as blocking the call. This feature also allows the subscriber to use the CID signal to display certain information even though the caller may have her CID blocked.

Another feature described herein is referred to as branch calling, which allows a call to be forwarded to multiple telephones simultaneously, where the first telephone answered
10 terminates the calling of the other telephones (or any other end units).

The preferred system described herein adds direct control of third party call control features, but does not suffer from any of the disadvantages listed above, and allows the subscriber to manage his/her telephone system in a dynamic and exceptionally useful manner that is not currently available through the existing PSTN. The system allows enhanced direct
15 third-party call control features, such as selective call routing and remote dialing, to be added to the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) using local call control and providing dynamic provisioning of the system by the subscriber. Direct 3rd-party control means that the ability to provision the 3rd-party features is directly available to a subscriber, eliminating the need to go through the telephone company (telco) business office.

20 In one embodiment, the system includes a processor (referred to herein as a tandem access controller) connected to the PSTN which would allow anyone to directly provision, that is to say set-up and make immediate changes to, the configuration of his or her phone line. In another embodiment, a tandem access controller (TAC) subsystem is connected internally to the PSTN in a local service area. The TAC provides features, selected by the
25 subscriber, to all edge switches connected to the PSTN tandem switch. Connecting directly to the PSTN tandem switch (or embedding the system into the tandem switch) eliminates the signal degradation problems previously described.

In one embodiment, the system allows provisioning of features via the internet under direct control of the subscriber. Recently, several products have been introduced that provide
30 a means of controlling features via the public internet. However, all these devices fall short in

that they require the subscriber to obtain an "800" number or some other number that requires the subscriber to pay a toll charge each time a call is made. The system connects locally, so no toll charges are incurred.

5 The offered features are implemented by software programs run by the processing system.

The web-enhanced services in one embodiment of the invention coexist with and overlay the local phone service at the local level, thereby providing good economics and user interaction, single number access to multiple subscriber devices, connectivity without transmission impairments and true, direct 3rd-party call control.

10 The present system relies upon use of local telephone facilities thereby eliminating all the extra charges associated with making toll calls. It also allows the user to take advantage of number portability and keep his/her existing public phone number.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

15 Fig. 1 illustrates the tandem access controller (TAC) in one embodiment of the present invention connected to the existing PSTN tandem switch, the TAC providing features for the subscriber's telephone as requested by the subscriber via the web.

20 Fig. 2 illustrates a system similar to Fig. 1 but showing multiple tandem switches and TACs and also showing how the subscriber may, in addition to using the standard telephone, make phone calls using Voice Over IP via a conventional digital telephone.

Fig. 3 is a flowchart of one method that a person may use to set up a subscriber account and to designate features the subscriber would like for his/her telephone.

25 Fig. 4 is a flowchart of a method that can be performed by the TAC in response to the subscriber (or other service) controlling the TAC, using the web (or other packet-based system), to change the subscriber's telephone provisioning or perform another function, such as make a VoIP call.

Fig. 5 is a flowchart of a method that can be performed by the TAC in response to an inbound call to the subscriber.

Fig. 6 is a flowchart of a method performed by the subscriber and the TAC when the subscriber desires to make an outbound call via the web or using a conventional telephone.

Fig. 7 illustrates a system, using the TAC, that allows wireless cell phones to obtain the same provisioning options as the conventional telephones.

5 Fig. 8 illustrates a system, using the TAC, that allows fax and modem calls to benefit from the provisioning offered by the TAC.

Fig. 9 is a flowchart of possible scenarios using the caller ID based feature.

Fig. 10 is a flowchart of possible scenarios using the branch calling feature.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

Fig. 1 shows a tandem access controller (TAC) 10 that allows an authorized subscriber 12 to establish 3rd-party control criteria for calls to the subscriber's telephone 14 (having a "public" phone number that callers dial). In one embodiment, the TAC 10 is a
5 programmed processor. The TAC 10 may use any combination of hardware, firmware, or software and, in one embodiment, is a conventional computer programmed to carry out the functions described herein.

The TAC 10 is connected to or inside the conventional PSTN tandem switch 16 such that calls may flow through the TAC 10 in the same manner as the existing PSTN tandem
10 switch, except that additional 3rd-party features are applied to the call. As is well known, PSTN tandem switches are exchanges that direct telephone calls (or other traffic) to central offices 17,18 or to other tandem switches. Details of the operation of the existing phone network may be found in the publication entitled "New Net SS7 Tutorial," by ADC Telecommunications, copyright 1999, incorporated herein by reference. Additional details
15 may be found in the numerous books describing the PSTN.

The PSTN tandem switch 16 directs a first call (from the calling party 20 to the subscriber's phone 14 using the subscriber's public phone number) to the TAC 10, which in turn places a second call, subject to 3rd-party control information, to the subscriber's
20 "private" phone number without yet terminating the first call. The TAC 10 is connected within the subscriber's local service area so calls from TAC 10 to the subscriber do not incur a toll. When the subscriber 12 terminates (or answers) the second call, the TAC 10 terminates the first call and connects it to the second call, thereby connecting the calling party 20 to the subscriber 12. Hence, the calling party essentially calls the TAC 10, using the subscriber's public phone number, and the TAC 10, after processing the call using the selected features,
25 calls the subscriber, as appropriate, using the subscriber's private phone number and connects the two calls. The process is transparent to the parties.

The TAC 10 is connected inside the PSTN in the sense that it is not an edge device such as a PBX or central office (CO) switch because it does not connect directly to subscribers. Rather, it redirects calls to subscribers. The TAC 10 provides intelligent
30 interconnection between a calling party and a subscriber.

The reader should keep in mind that although only one tandem switch 16 is shown in Fig. 1, the invention will apply equally well to a network of tandem switches, as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 2 also illustrates how the subscriber can make calls using voice over IP via a conventional digital telephone 21.

5 Fig. 1 illustrates the preferred method for an authorized subscriber to modify the 3rd-party control criteria by means of the world wide web 22 (and web server 23) using an internet browser. By "authorized" we mean a subscriber who is registered and has logged-in with appropriate security and password controls. The subscriber 12 interacts with the web 22 via the Internet to quickly and easily specify the enhanced 3rd-party call control features.
10 Web 22 then relays this information, in appropriate form, to the TAC 10. Preferably, the link to the TAC 10 uses a secure protocol. Examples of features that can be selected by the subscriber include: conditional call blocking, call forwarding, call altering, time of day conditions, day of week conditions, follow-me, caller recognition/password, caller ID, call screening/retrieval from voice mail, speed dialing, interactive voice response, and speech
15 recognition. Any other feature could be added. These features can be implemented in the TAC 10 using known software techniques since such features are known. Message outgoing call control includes: click-to-dial calling and group calling/messaging.

The invention may also include ivr/vm/voverip.

Fig. 1 uses a public internet portal connected via a data link to the TAC 10 or other
20 interface system. As a registered subscriber, a user logs onto the portal (Fig. 3) and is granted access, allowing the user to make additions or changes to features such as speed calling, call forwarding, selection of such descriptors as time of day, busy status, caller ID status, etc. A user-friendly web page leads the subscriber through the various procedures and available features. The selections made by the subscriber are translated into provisioning data and
25 transmitted to the TAC 10. The TAC 10 in turn keeps track of incoming and outgoing calls based on this information.

The subscriber can also program a set of the call control features via a telephone link in the event a data link connection is unavailable.

Fig. 4 is a flowchart of actions that may be taken by the TAC 10 in response to the
30 subscriber (or other service) controlling the TAC, using the web or other packet-based

system, to change the subscriber's telephone provisioning or perform another function, such as make a VoIP call.

Fig. 5 is a flowchart of actions taken by the TAC 10 in response to an inbound call (using the subscriber's public phone number) to the subscriber. Examples of some of the actions taken by the TAC 10 are:

- Receives SS7 data indicating an incoming call
- Stores phone numbers downloaded from provisioning system
- Charts identity of calling party
- Checks time of day
- Stores lists of numbers in groups used for processing incoming calls
- Places outgoing calls in response to incoming calls according to information downloaded on the data link.

Incoming call data is received by the TAC 10 from the tandem switch 16. The TAC 10 processor checks calling and called numbers, class of service, time of day, number lists, etc. In some cases additional data is gathered from the calling party via a DSP (Digital Signal Processing) system and stored in the system memory. The DSP system is used to play call progress tones and voice announcements as required. Voice announcements can be played through the DSP system. In response to the call data, an outgoing call to the subscriber 12 may be placed back through the tandem switch 16 by TAC 10. The TAC 10 links the two calls and monitors the connection.

Information about the call may be collected by the TAC 10 and sent to the subscriber or a 3rd party for display. Such information may be the length of the call or information used to bill the subscriber for the use of the system. The provisioning system can also collect control information from a 3rd party and relay it back to the TAC 10, which will then affect the call accordingly.

Fig. 6 is a flowchart of actions taken by the subscriber 12 and the TAC 10 when the subscriber desires to make an outbound call via the web or using a conventional telephone.

When using the web to place a call, the subscriber may simply click a name on the computer screen 26 using a mouse.

Fig. 7 illustrates a system, using the TAC 10, that allows wireless cell phones 28 to obtain the same provisioning options as the conventional telephones 14. A local cell 30 and a
5 cell switch 32 are also shown in Fig. 7.

Fig. 8 illustrates a system, using the TAC 10, that allows fax and modem calls to benefit from the provisioning offered by the TAC 10. The TAC 10 may interface the ISP 36 through the web 22.

One embodiment of the invention allows a subscriber to view the current state of
10 his/her telephone via the Internet. Internet is a term of art by which we mean an interconnection of packet switched networks. Prior to this system there was no way for a user to examine the status of a telephone line. Recently, several products have been introduced that provide a means of examining the voice message boxes.

An internet portal is connected via a data link to the TAC 10. When a user logs onto
15 the internet portal and is granted access to an individual subscription, the user can examine the status of calls/features. This information is transmitted from the TAC 10 to the web portal and translated into user viewables. The TAC 10 keeps track of incoming and outgoing calls based on this information.

The TAC 10 may be implemented using conventional processor hardware. The
20 connection to the tandem switch 16 may be as simple as a telephone circuit, since the TAC 10 receives an incoming call from a caller and processes the call. Devising the software/firmware use to control the TAC 10 is well within the capability of those skilled in the art since the various control features that can be made available are generally already known.

25 Certain advantages that can be obtained using the invention include the following:

Web-Based Telecom Navigator

Manage Incoming Call Control

- Conditional Call Blocking/Forwarding/Alerting

- Time-of-Day, Day-of-Week, Follow-Me, Caller Recognition/Password, Caller ID, etc.
- Call Screening/Retrieval from Voice Mail
- Interactive Voice Response and Speech Recognition

5 Manage Outgoing Call Control

- Click-to-Dial Calling
- Group Calling and Messaging

Web-Based Billing

10 **Web-Driven Personal Communications Management**

Cost-Effective Single Phone Number Access

On-Line "Personal Digital Assistant"

On-Line "Telcom Navigator"

Inspired User Interaction

15 Secure and Reliable Technology

Cost-Effective Single Phone Number Access

CLEC Status

- Free Local Calls, Incoming Calls (not 800 Toll Service)
- 20 • Retain Current Number (Local Number Portability)
- Low-Cost Calling Throughout LATA
- Flat-Rate Foreign Exchange
- Single Installation Covers Entire LATA
- VoIP Toll-Bypass

Compatible With Existing Devices, Standards

- Standard DTMF and VoIP Phones
- Wireless Phones
- Standard Wired/Wireless and PIM Browsers

5

Web-Based Personal Digital Assistant

Centralized and Consistent Personal Data

- Build Once, Use Anywhere
- Private/Public Phone Directories and Calendars
- "Post-It" Style Annotation of Numbers

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Web Dialing

- Click-to-Dial from Web Pages, Directories, Calendars
- Multiple Phone List Management

Unified Messaging

- Voice Mail Access, Prompts, Alert Via Web

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User Interaction

Expected Behavior

- Compatible with Familiar Products (e.g. Palm Pilot)
- Commonality Between All Wired and Wireless

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Mode-Based Definition and Selection

- Vacation, Dinner Time, Go Away, Family Call Waiting
- Templates

Learning Modes

- Persona-Based User Interaction Design
- Speech recognition
- Windows drag and drop

Automatic Data Capture

- 5
- Build Phone List Based on Collected Usage Information
 - Drag and Drop Into Lists

Secure and Reliable Technology

Separate Web-Site and Link Gateway

- 10
- No Direct External Access to Gateway
 - Additional Security Layer
 - No Denial-of-Service to Voice Links

VoIP Link Degradation Detection

- Automatic Cutover to PSTN

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E-Commerce Security

- Billing Encryption

Caller ID Based Call Routing

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One advantage of using TAC 10 is its ability to enhance caller ID information. Caller ID is a common feature where a calling party's telephone number is transmitted to the called party's telephone so it can be displayed on a small display screen in the telephone. This caller ID information is provided by the calling party's central office switch. Signaling System No. 7 (SS7) is a global standard for telecommunications and defines the procedures and protocol by which network elements in the PSTN exchange information (including the caller ID) over the telephone network for call set up, routing, and control. In some telephone

sets, including wireless telephones, the name of the caller associated with the telephone number is also displayed on the called party's display screen.

TAC 10 can use this automatically generated caller ID signal to provide an enhanced set of caller ID related features. One such feature is the association of the standard caller ID information with additional information about the caller stored in a memory addressed by TAC 10. The enhanced caller ID information provided through TAC 10 provides a valuable tool to the subscriber in handling incoming calls. The basic caller ID information, such as the caller's telephone number and name, can still be sent to the subscriber's phone and displayed in a conventional manner while the enhanced caller ID information may be displayed on the phone display or on the subscriber's computer monitor via the web.

The caller ID signals, pursuant to the SS7 protocol, are detected by TAC 10 when a calling party calls the subscriber using the subscriber's public telephone number, as previously described. TAC 10 then uses the basic caller ID data to address a look-up table (LUT) containing any additional information that the subscriber has entered into the LUT's memory locations for association with that caller ID data. Fig. 8 shows such a LUT within or connected to TAC 10.

In one example, the subscriber may identify a prospective calling party's telephone number to TAC 10 via the Internet and then associate the number with any other information for storing in LUT 40. Such other information may be all the possible callers using the calling telephone, personal information regarding the calling party, billing information, business information, account numbers, past discussions with the caller, or any other information. When TAC 10 detects the caller ID signals, TAC 10 addresses LUT 40 and downloads the retrieved information to the subscriber's telephone display or to the subscriber's computer via the web. Since TAC 10 (including LUT 40) stores this additional information, the subscriber is not required to personally provide processing or memory devices for this feature.

Multiple subscribers use the same TAC 10 and LUT 40 but only the memory locations in LUT 40 authorized for access by a particular subscriber are available to that subscriber.

A subscriber may program TAC 10 using the various means described previously to perform any number of features on an incoming telephone call based upon the caller ID data. Such features include forwarding a call associated with that particular caller ID data to one or more other telephones, or blocking calls associated with that particular caller ID data. Such calls may be forwarded or blocked only at certain times or on certain days as requested by the subscriber. All of the other features previously described may also be applied based upon the caller ID.

When the calling party elects to block her caller ID information, displaying the caller's number and name on the subscriber's telephone may violate the privacy act, so such a restriction should be programmed into the system. However, TAC 10 may still use the caller ID information for various legal purposes. For example, the subscriber may not wish to receive phone calls from a particular phone number or calling party. The subscriber may transmit to TAC 10 the caller ID information (e.g., the telephone number and/or the name) and instruct TAC 10 to either forward the call, block the call, or transmit any additional information from LUT 40 to the subscriber's phone display or computer monitor for screening the caller.

If caller ID information does not exist, such as where the local telephone company does not offer caller ID, TAC 10, when receiving the incoming call, can transmit an automatic message to the caller to enter identification information. TAC 10 then uses that information to address LUT 40 to identify any associated information in LUT 40 for transmission to the subscriber. TAC 10, in a recorded or simulated voice, can request the caller to enter her phone number via the telephone keypad. Alternatively, TAC can request that the caller speak her name or number, which would then be played to the subscriber or converted to text or a code by TAC 10 to address LUT 40. Alternatively, the caller can enter a personal identification number or any other type of code (e.g., the caller's name) via the keypad, which would identify the caller to TAC 10. Once obtained, the caller ID information entered can be used to route the incoming call via TAC 10 in any way programmed by the subscriber. Call routing can be based on time of day, the caller ID, any web input instructions, a direction by the calling party itself, or any other variable.

This technique is contrasted with 800-type services, which are reverse long distance services requiring the owner of the 800 number to pay for the incoming call. With 800 numbers, the caller ID must be unblocked to identify the amount of the toll. With the inventive technique, even blocked caller ID calls can result in information about the caller
5 being transmitted to the subscriber or used by TAC 10 to selectively perform a function.

Fig. 9 is a flowchart of various scenarios that may be carried out using the caller ID feature.

In step 50 of Fig. 9, an incoming call is received by TAC 10, as previously described, by a calling party calling the subscriber's public telephone number. In all embodiments
10 described herein, the end unit called may be a residential telephone or other communication device connected to the PSTN via a central office, such as a computer, fax machine, or other communication device. The services provided by TAC 10 may be for residential telephone service or for business telephone service.

In step 52, using the SS7 protocol, TAC 10 detects the caller ID signal (CID), if any.
15 Even if the calling party has a blocked CID, the CID is still transmitted to TAC 10; however the blocked caller ID cannot be displayed on the called party's telephone. If the CID is detected, the process continues to steps 54 and 56, which determine whether the CID is associated with any data in a look-up table. Existing data in the look-up table associated with the CID indicates that the caller is a previous caller. If caller ID information is known
20 without ever previously receiving a call from that party, the additional information can still be entered into the look-up table, and the calling party will be treated as not a new caller in step 54.

Assuming the caller has information stored in the look-up table, this additional information is retrieved by TAC 10 and displayed on a web page (step 58) that is accessible
25 by the subscriber via the web. In addition, the caller's name and telephone number may also be displayed (step 60). The information may also be transmitted to the subscriber's telephone for display.

In step 62, TAC 10 performs any programmed function on the call, such as forwarding the call to the subscriber's private telephone number or another number.

The placing of the second call by TAC 10 causes the called phone to ring (step 64) as well as causes the CID and additional information to be available to the subscriber (step 66) on the subscriber's telephone display. When the subscriber answers the phone, TAC 10 completes the connection between the two parties.

5 The retrieved information from LUT 40 that is transmitted over the web may appear as a screen pop-up on the subscriber's monitor. This CID information can then be reviewed and edited to include new information about the caller provided during the call. The subscriber then downloads this edited information to TAC 10 so future calls from the same caller would display the new information.

10 In step 54 if it is determined that the CID information is not associated with any existing information in the look-up table, TAC 10 determines whether the CID is blocked (identified in the SS7 protocol) in step 68. If the CID is not blocked, then the CID information is transmitted to the subscriber's telephone when TAC 10 places the call to the subscriber's private number (or any other forwarding number), and the CID is displayed on
15 the subscriber's phone.

In step 68, if it is determined that the CID is blocked, TAC 10 will prompt the caller, via a recorded message or a simulated voice, to press the appropriate touch tone buttons to unblock the CID (step 70). For example, TAC 10 may be programmed to detect that a "1" key is pressed by the caller to unblock CID and then treat the CID information as unblocked.
20 Alternatively, the caller may be required to call back after pressing the proper touch tone keys to unblock the CID in a conventional way.

In step 72, if the CID is now unblocked, the CID is obtained from the caller in step 74. The process also goes to step 74 if, in step 52, the CID is not initially obtained.

25 In step 76, TAC 10 determines whether the CID signal has been provided by the calling party from either the automatic CID signals or from the caller manually entering the caller's telephone number, name, or PIN, as previously described. If yes, then in step 54 TAC 10 uses the CID information to determine whether the caller is a new caller, and the remainder of the process continues as previously described.

In step 72, if it is determined that the CID remains blocked after TAC 10 has prompted the caller to unblock the CID, then in step 74 it is determined by TAC 10 is step 77 (after reviewing the subscriber's programmed instructions) whether the subscriber is accepting blocked calls. If yes, TAC 10 then places a call to the subscriber's private number or any other number identified by the subscriber, and puts the blocked call through. The blocked CID information would not be transmitted to the subscriber's phone.

If the subscriber's instructions are to not accept blocked calls, then in step 78 the blocked call is not forwarded to the subscriber's phone, or the blocked call is sent to voice mail. Voice mail may be a memory internal to TAC 10, or TAC 10 may transmit a special code to the subscriber's phone that automatically causes the call to be routed to a private voice mail system.

As seen, as long as the caller ID data received by TAC 10 has information associated with it in the look-up table, the stored information can be transmitted to the subscriber even if the caller ID is blocked. Further, even blocked caller IDs can still be used by TAC 10 to perform a routing function on the call. The caller ID feature may be implemented by a software program run by the processing system in TAC 10.

Because the conventional blocked CID information provided by the phone company is never displayed to the subscriber, the tagging system does not violate the privacy act. Known features such as call trace (where CID is provided to law enforcement people), or call return (where the blocked caller can be called back) have established a legal precedent that it is ok to use blocked CID information for certain purposes as long as the caller ID is not disclosed to the called party

Branch Calling

Branch calling is an enhanced telephone feature not believed to be provided on today's public telephone networks. This feature can be easily provided using TAC 10.

Branch calling is a technique where a caller places a first call intended for a called party to TAC 10. After receiving the call, TAC 10 looks up the call handling instructions programmed into TAC 10 by the subscriber via the web, via the telephone, or via any other

technique. One set of these instructions is branch calling, which instructs TAC 10 to simultaneously call any number of different telephone numbers programmed into TAC 10 by the subscriber. The called phone numbers may be any combination of local, long distance, or cellular numbers.

5 When a party answers one of the ringing lines, the answering party is connected to the calling party, and the other calls are abandoned.

 For branch calling to operate in the most desirable manner, the system must detect that a call has been answered in order to terminate the calls to the other telephones (or other end units). Accordingly, some form of answer supervision must be present. Answer
10 supervision is implemented inside the PSTN but generally not available to private networks (e.g., PABXs). Since SS7 signaling supports answer supervision, it is easy for this branch calling feature to be provided through TAC 10 since TAC 10 is connected inside the PSTN.

 Prior art systems without answer supervision must call each forwarding number sequentially, whereby after a certain number of preprogrammed rings, the calling stops and
15 the next number is called until someone answers the phone. Because a ringing time-out must occur before the next call can be tried, an unrealistically long delay can occur before the call is placed to the proper telephone and finally answered. In contrast, the present invention allows TAC 10 to ring all the numbers simultaneously so the call can be answered quickly.

 It is desirable that the answer supervision signaling not be delayed so that the calling
20 and called parties may be connected quickly when the call is answered and so that during the delay time two parties do not answer two different ringing phones.

 Fig. 10 is a flowchart of some scenarios in branch calling, whereby an incoming call to TAC 10 causes TAC 10 to place at least two new calls simultaneously and, when one of these phones is answered, the remaining calls are abandoned.

25 In step 80 of Fig. 10, TAC 10 receives an incoming call.

 In step 82, TAC 10 looks up the routing instructions for the DNIS (Dialed Number Identification Service) and caller ID (if any). The DNIS identifies the number that was called, and the caller ID (CID) identifies the calling telephone number and sometimes the caller. DNIS works by transmitting the touch tone digits to TAC 10. A subscriber for TAC 10 may

program TAC 10, as previously described, to perform any number of functions based upon the DNIS number, the CID, the time of day, or based upon any other factor. Such instructions may be stored in a look-up table addressed by the subscriber's public phone number (identified by the DNIS number). Since multiple subscribers will be using the same
5 TAC 10, TAC 10 needs to know what number was dialed in order to perform the function on the call selected by the subscriber.

In step 86, TAC 10 identifies the features to apply to the incoming call. If the instructions are to block the call, then TAC 10 blocks the call in step 87. In the present example, it is assumed that the feature the subscriber wants to apply is a branch calling
10 feature where two telephone numbers are to be called by TAC 10.

In step 88, TAC 10 generates a ring back tone to the caller to indicate that a telephone is ringing.

In step 90, TAC 10 places a call to a first telephone number, which causes the called phone to ring (step 92). Parallel operations are performed for a second phone number in
15 steps 93 and 95.

In step 96, it is determined by TAC 10 whether the first phone has been answered using answer supervision signaling provided by SS7 (step 98).

In response to the answer supervision signaling, TAC 10 abandons the other call to the second telephone (step 100).

In step 102, TAC 10 completes the phone call by connecting the calling party to the
20 answered telephone. This process may be applied to other than telephones, such as computers or other types of communication equipment.

In step 96, if the call is not answered after the ring, it is determined whether the other telephone has been answered (step 104). If not, the two phones continue to ring.

If it is determined in step 104 that another telephone has been answered (i.e., the
25 answer supervision signal has been received by TAC 10), the call to the first telephone is abandoned (step 106).

The same operation is performed with respect to the second telephone call in steps 108-113.

Any number of telephone calls may be simultaneously placed by TAC 10 in response to a branch calling instruction.

In step 86, if the instructions programmed by the subscriber are to block the call, then TAC 10 blocks the call in step 87.

5 While particular embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that changes and modifications may be made without departing from this invention in its broader aspects and, therefore, the appended claims are to encompass within their scope all such changes and modifications that fall within the true spirit and scope of this invention.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method performed by a processing system comprising:
 - receiving a call from a calling party, using an end unit, to a subscriber;
 - placing two or more calls simultaneously to two or more associated end units designated by the subscriber;
 - detecting that the call has been answered at one of the end units; and
 - in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to other end units and establishing a connection between the calling party's end unit and the answered end unit.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the processing system is connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN).

3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - detecting first information about the source of the call;
 - associating the first information with a feature, selected by the subscriber, to be performed on the call, the feature being to forward the call to two or more end units; and
 - simultaneously placing the call to the two or more end units.

4. The method of Claim 1 wherein the two or more calls to the end units are any combination of local call, long distance call, and cellular call.

5. The method of Claim 1 wherein, when one of the calls to the end units is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the answer supervision is pursuant to the SS7 signaling protocol.

7. The method of Claim 1 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has entered a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

8. The method of Claim 1 wherein the number of calls simultaneously placed by the processing system is two.

9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the number of calls simultaneously placed by the processing system is three.

10. A controller connected to a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:

a processing system, the processing system programmed to perform the process comprising:

receiving a call from a calling party, using an end unit, to a subscriber;

placing two or more calls simultaneously to two or more associated end units designated by the subscriber;

detecting that the call has been answered at one of the end units; and

in response to the detecting, abandoning other calls to other end units and establishing a connection between the calling party's end unit and the answered end unit.

11. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected within the public switched telephone network (PSTN).

12. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is programmed to perform the process comprising:

detecting first information about the source of the call;

associating the first information with a feature, selected by the subscriber, to be performed on the call, the feature being to forward the call to two or more end units; and

simultaneously placing the call to the two or more end units.

13. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the two or more calls to the end units are any combination of local call, long distance call, and cellular call.

14. The controller of Claim 10 wherein, when one of the calls to the end units is answered, an answer supervision signal is transmitted to the processing system, and the processing system terminates the other calls.

15. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to a PSTN tandem switch within the PSTN, and wherein receiving a call from a calling party comprises:

receiving a first call through the tandem switch from the calling party intended for the subscriber after the calling party has enter a first telephone number, the first telephone number being the subscriber's public telephone number, said processing system simultaneously placing at least second and third calls using second and third telephone numbers different from the first telephone number.

16. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the processing system is connected to the PSTN in the subscriber's local service area.

17. The controller of Claim 10 wherein the subscriber is a subscriber of residential telephone service.

BRANCH CALLING AND CALLER ID BASED
CALL ROUTING TELEPHONE FEATURES

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A caller ID based call routing feature is described for blocked and non-blocked caller ID's. A processing system in the public switched telephone network (PSTN) receives first identifying information for identify the source of a telephone call and associates additional information stored in a memory with the first identifying information. The additional
10 information may be information about the calling party initially downloaded to the memory by a subscriber. Once retrieved from the memory by the processing system, the additional information may then be transmitted to the subscriber via the Internet for display on a monitor or to the subscriber's telephone for display on a telephone display. Another feature described is a branch calling feature where the subscriber may program a processing system
15 within the PSTN to forward an incoming call to two or more end units (e.g., telephones) simultaneously. If the call at an end unit is answered, answer supervision signaling is transmitted back to the processing system which then terminates all other calls. The processing system then connects the calling party to the subscriber. The branch calling may be made for any combination of local, long distance, and cellular telephone numbers.

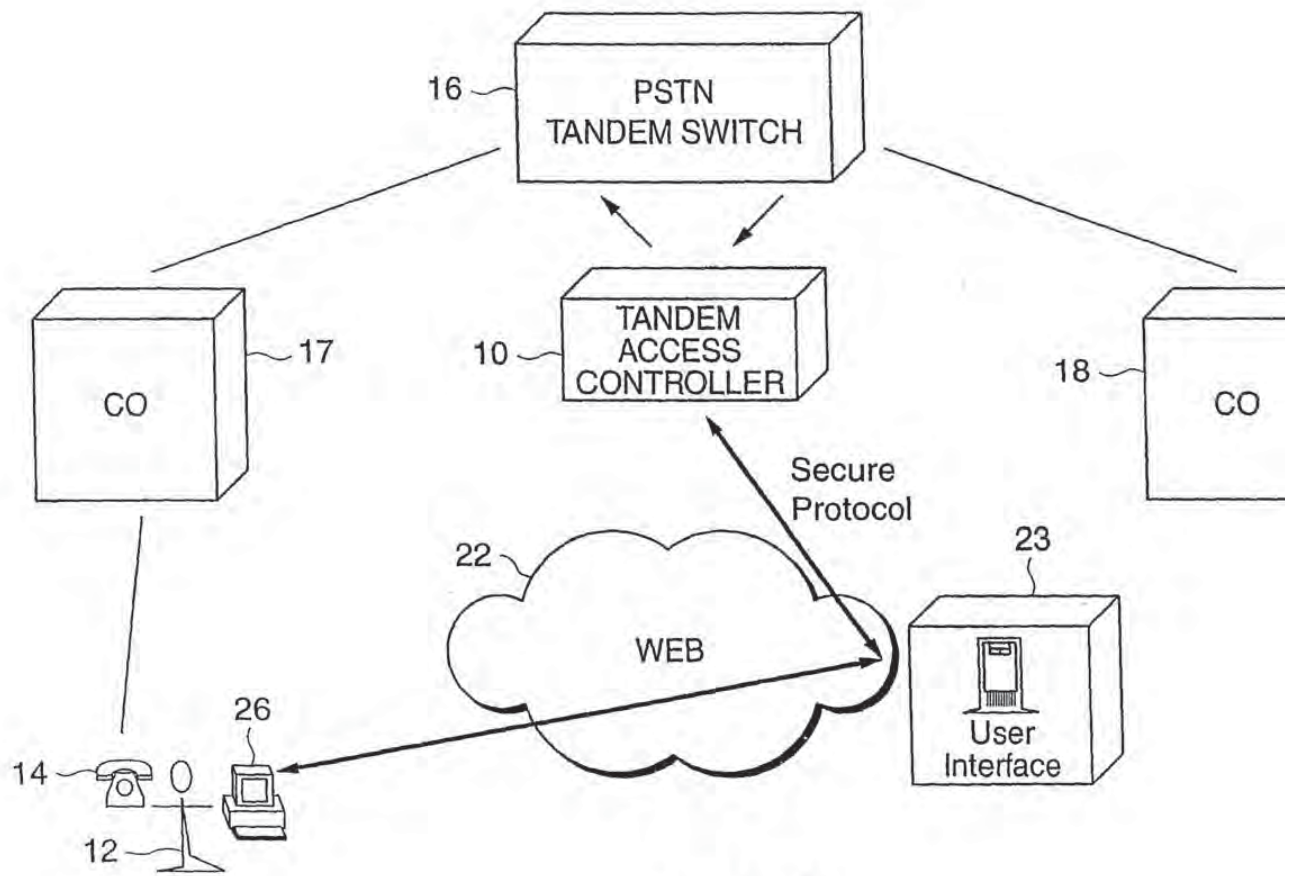


FIG. 1

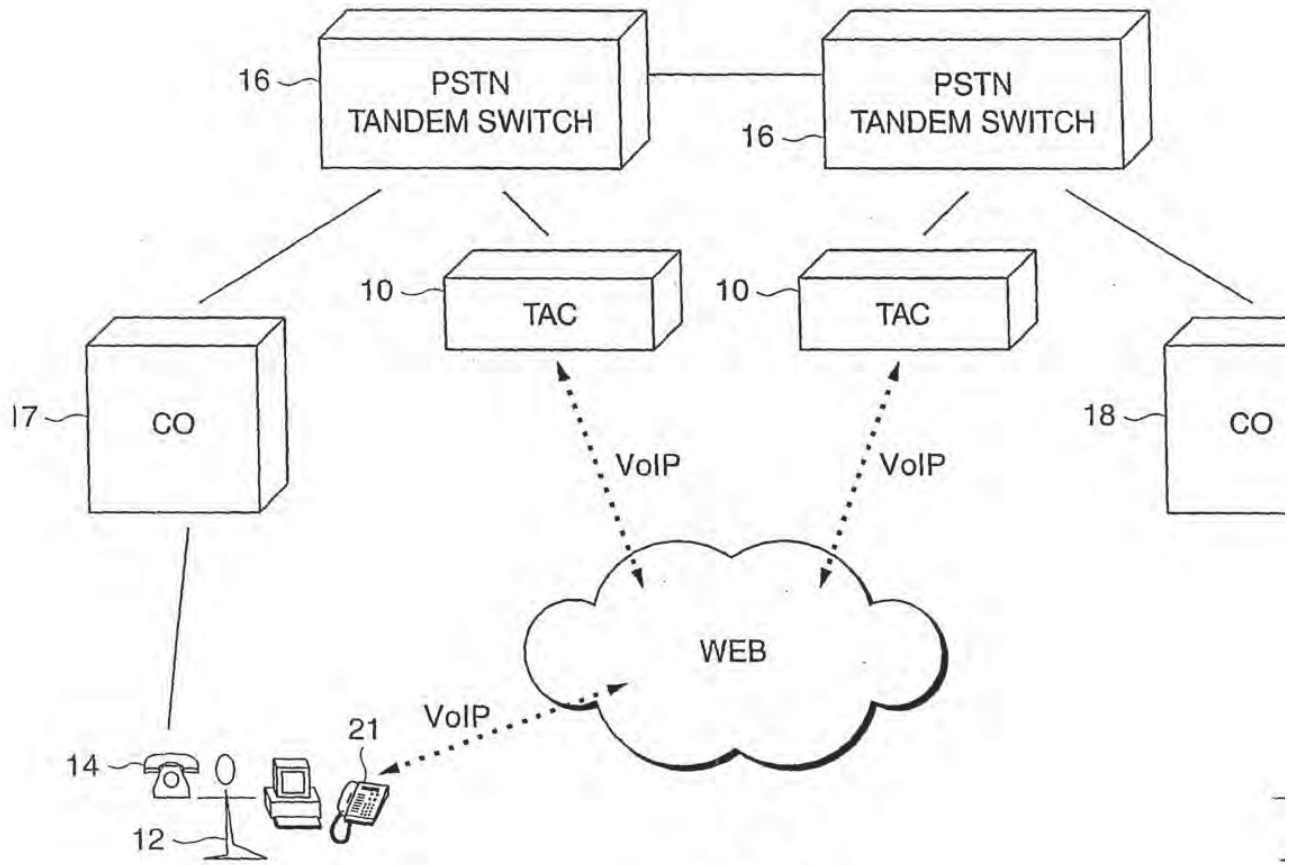
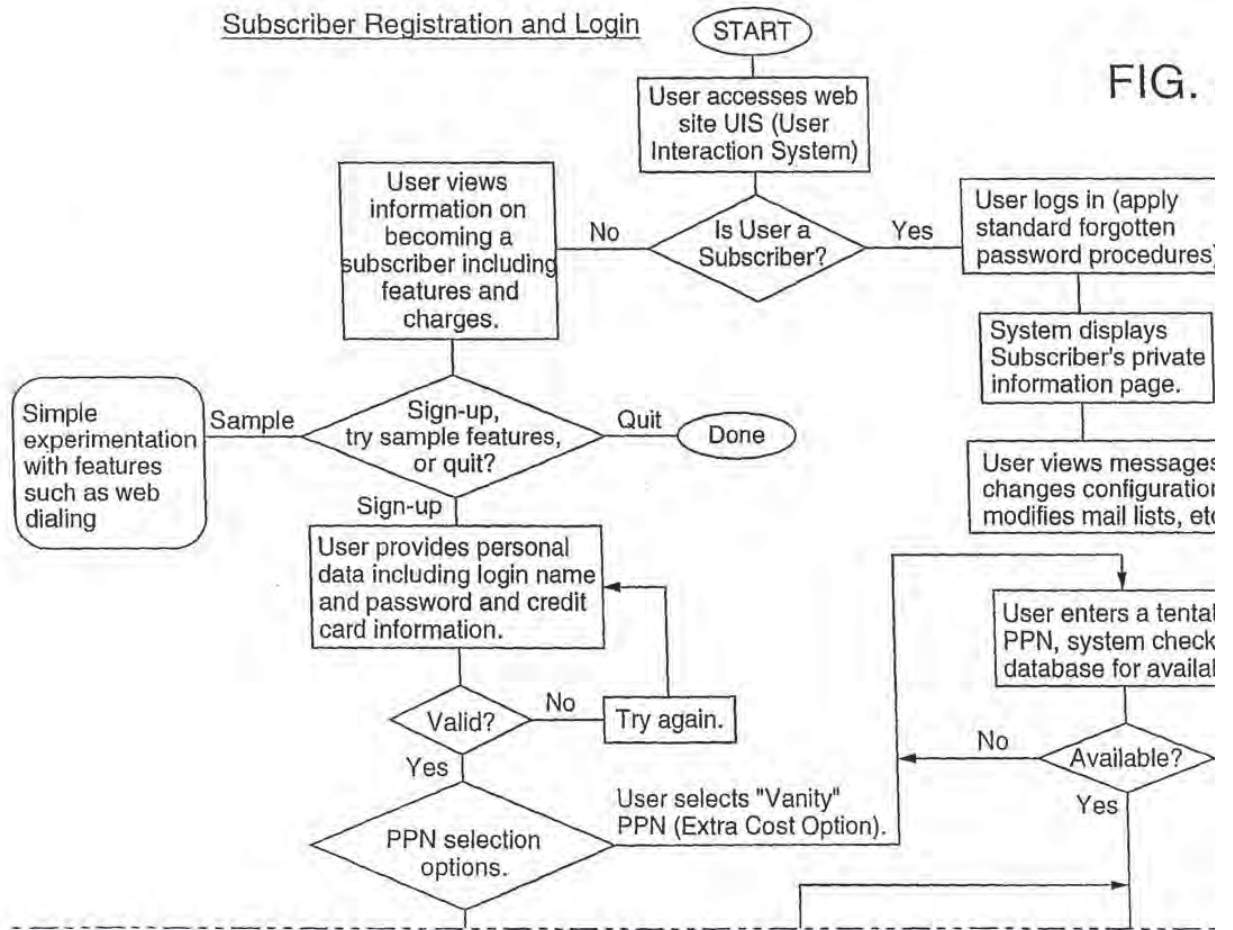


FIG. 2

Subscriber Registration and Login

FIG.



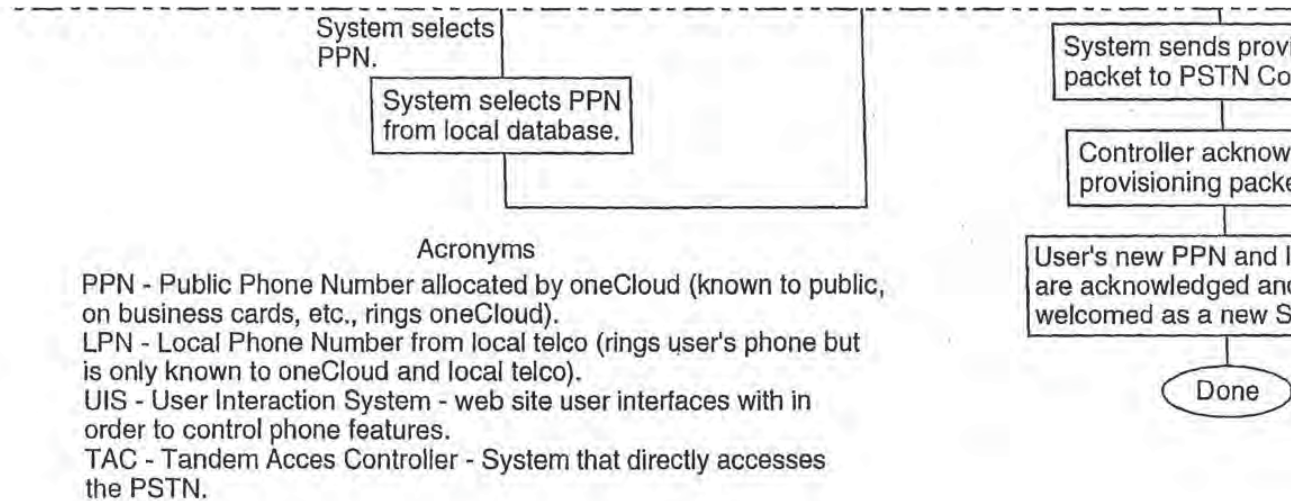
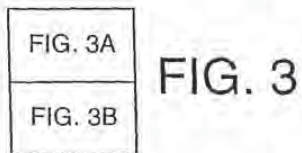
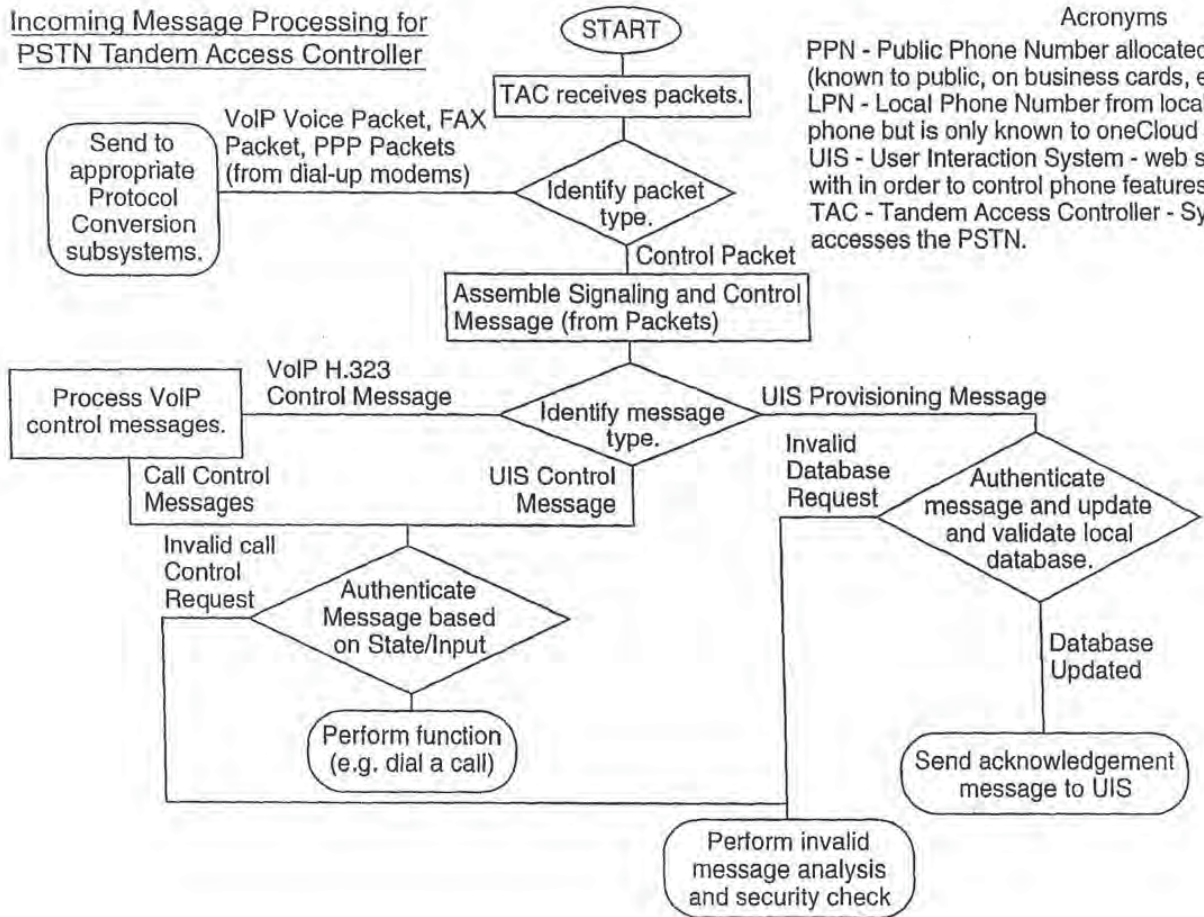


FIG. 3B



Incoming Message Processing for PSTN Tandem Access Controller



Acronyms

PPN - Public Phone Number allocated by or (known to public, on business cards, etc., rir
 LPN - Local Phone Number from local telco phone but is only known to oneCloud and lo
 UIS - User Interaction System - web site use with in order to control phone features.
 TAC - Tandem Access Controller - System accesses the PSTN.

Inbound Call (to Subscriber)

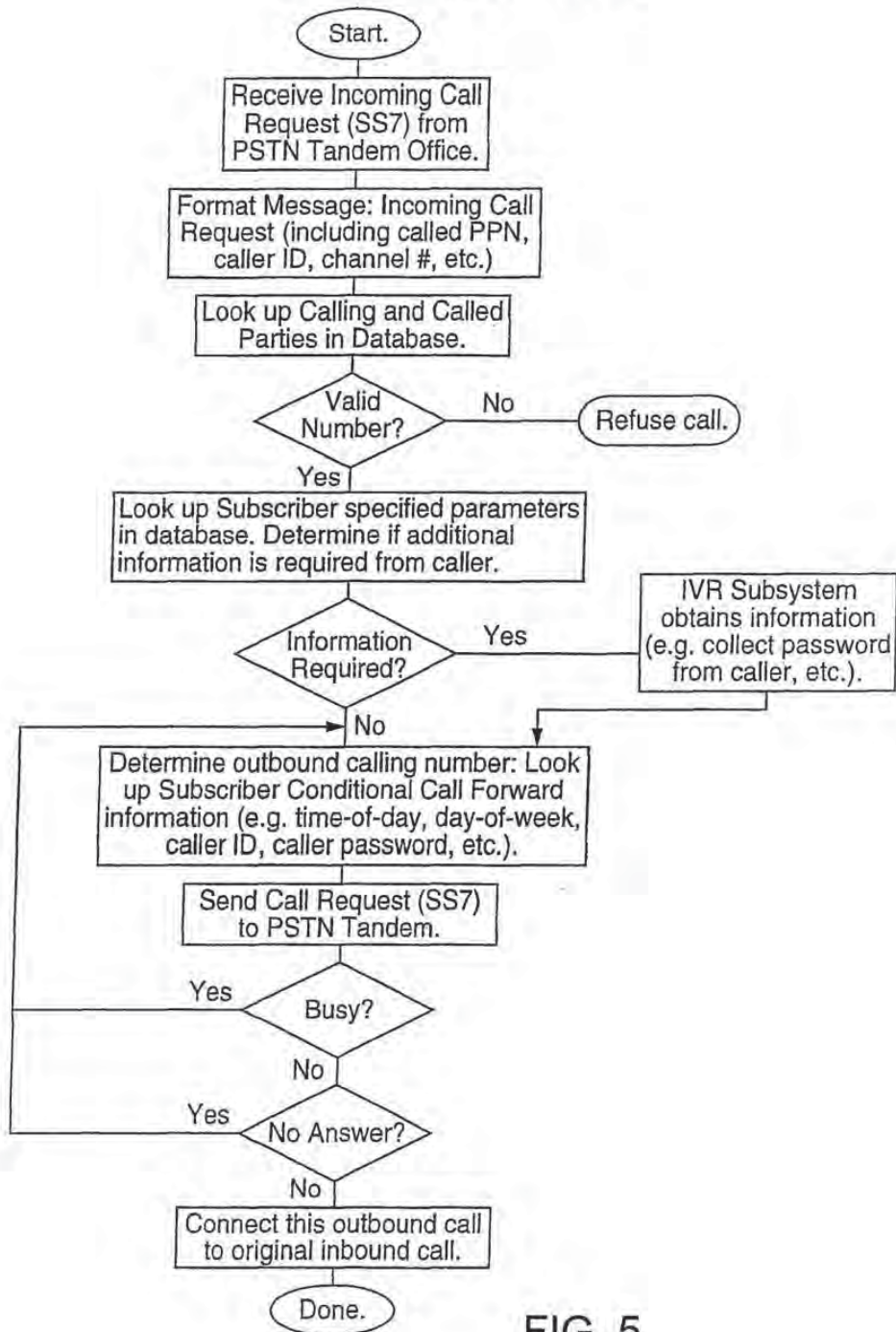


FIG. 5

Outbound Call (from Subscriber)

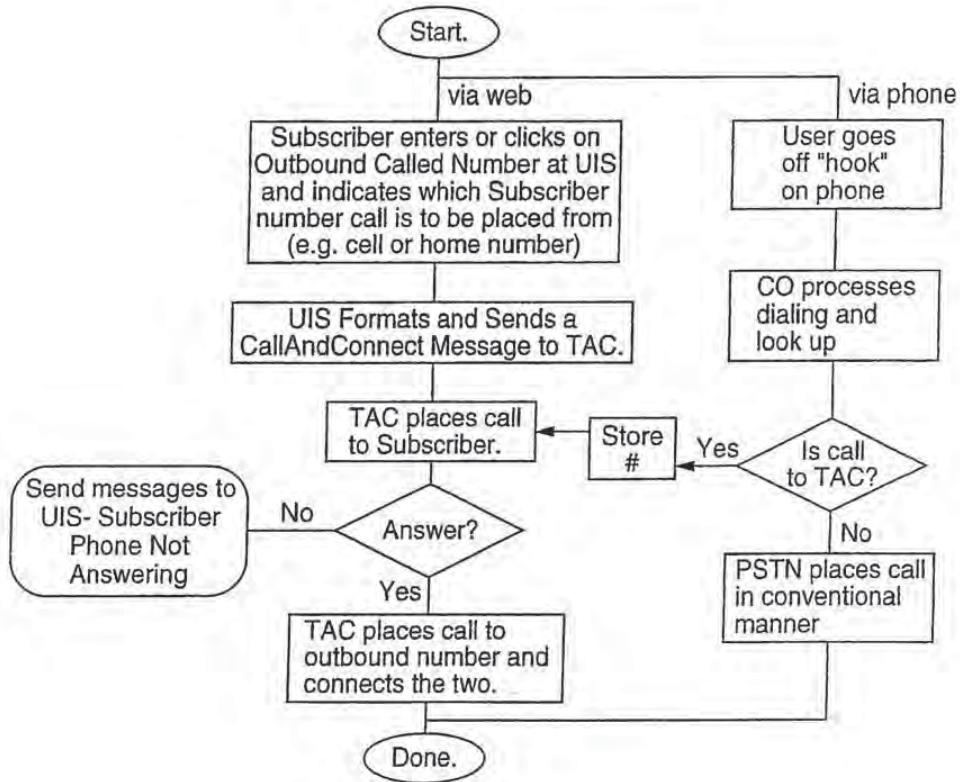


FIG. 6

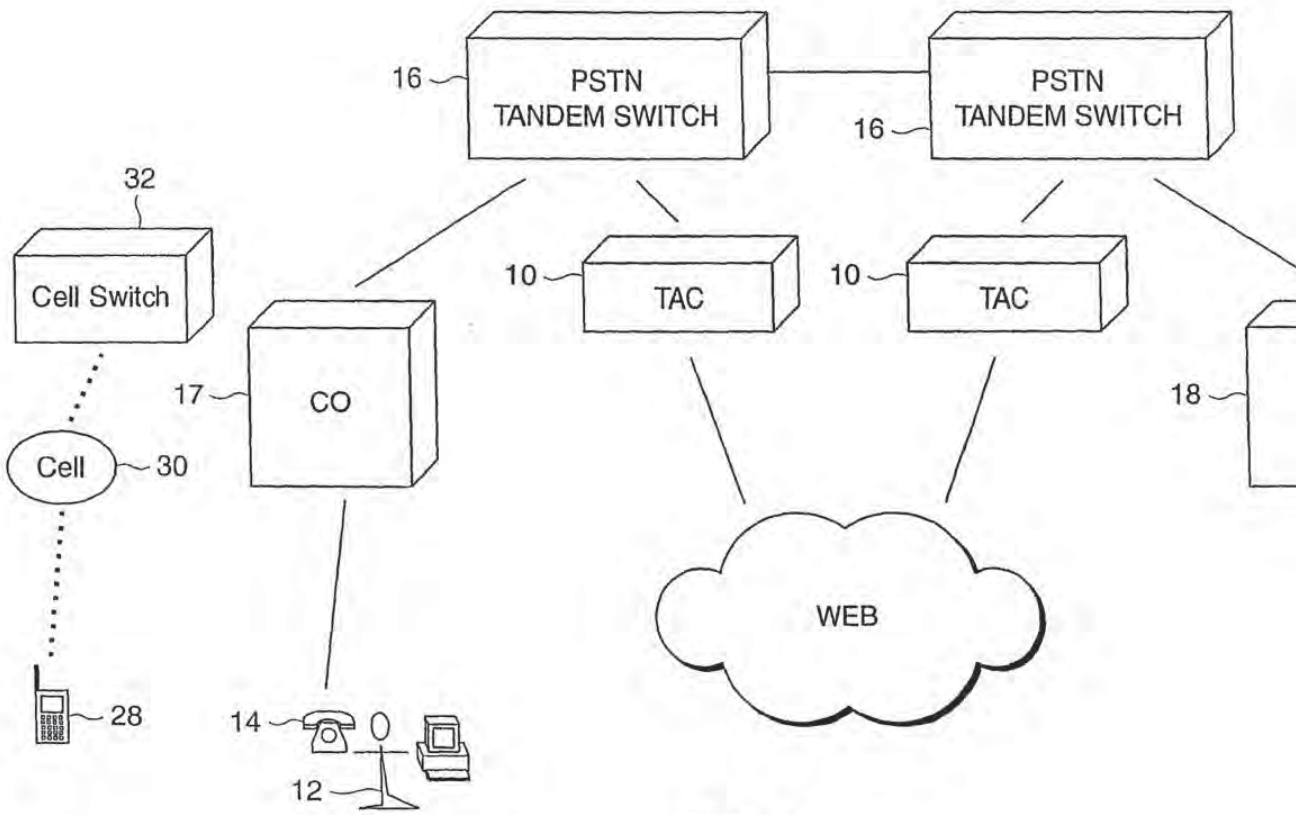


FIG. 7

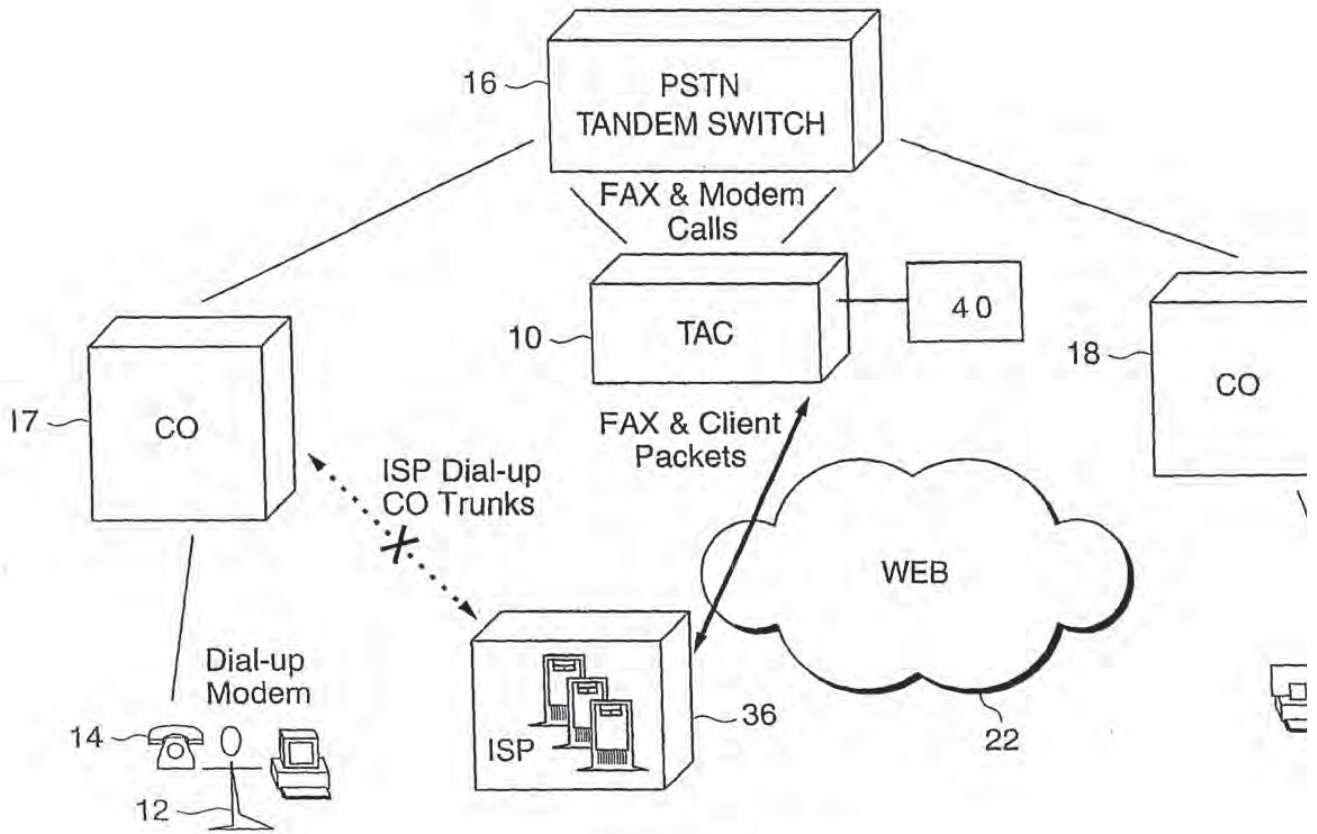


FIG. 8

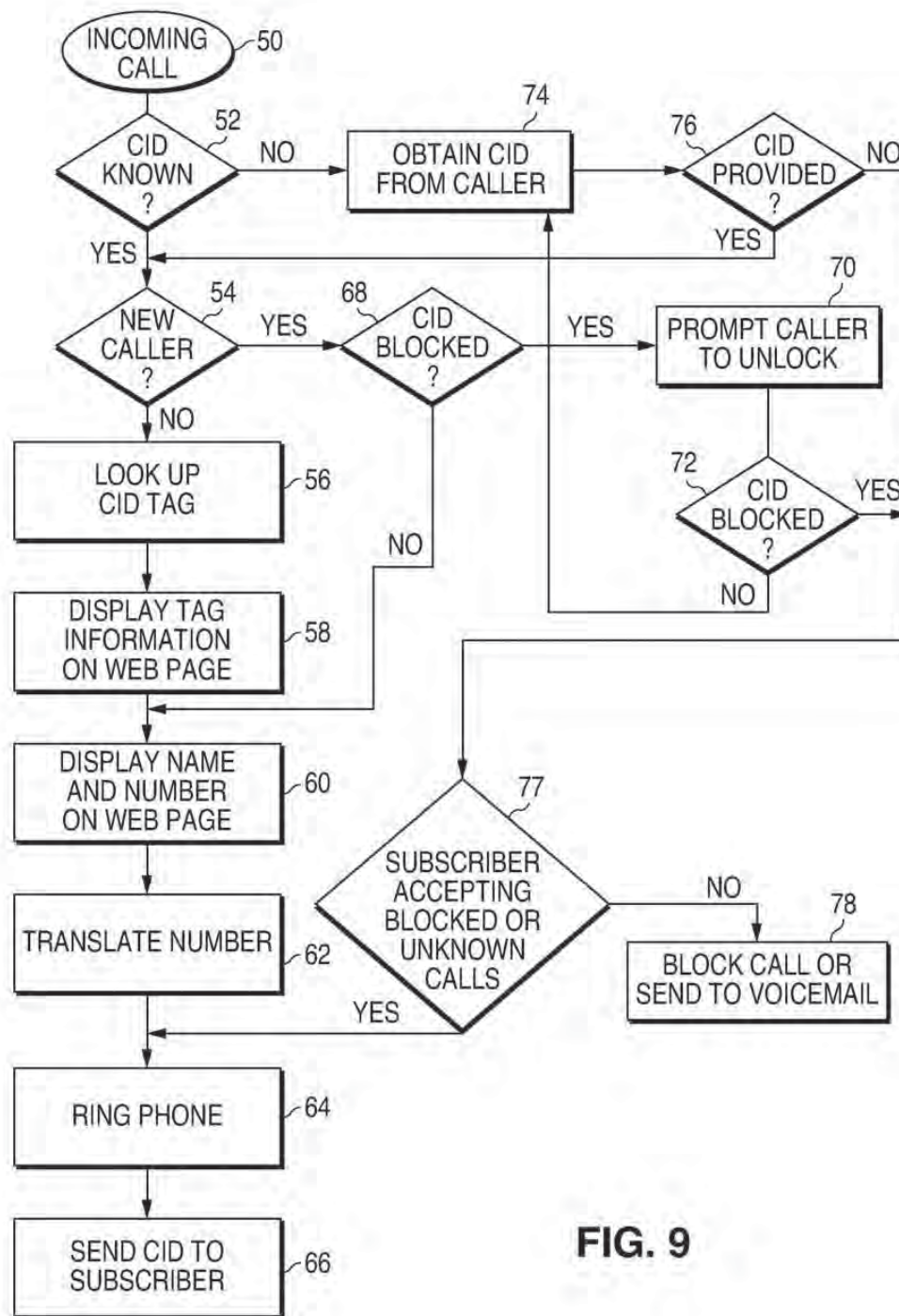


FIG. 9

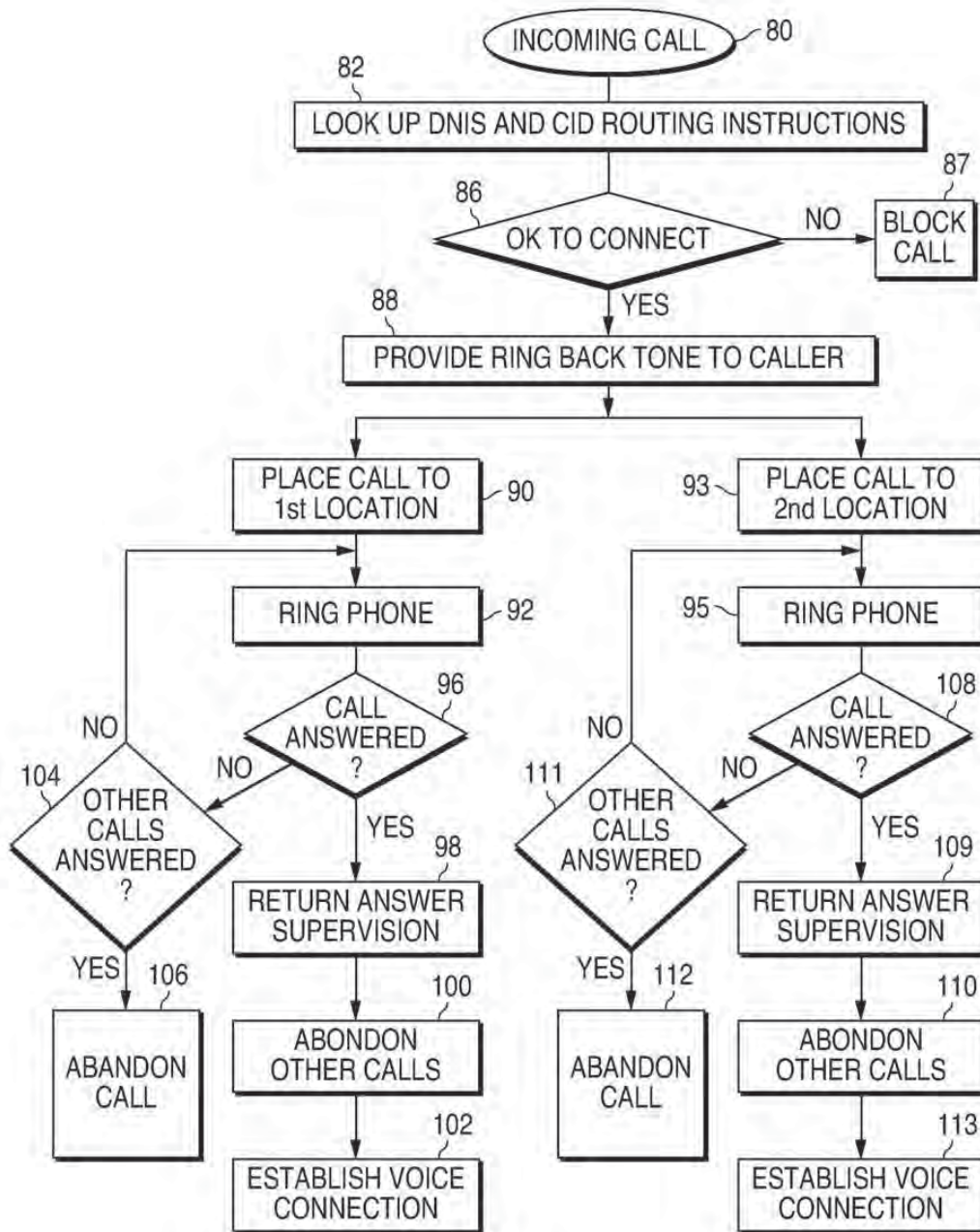


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