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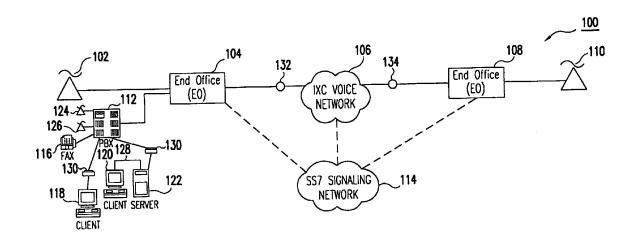
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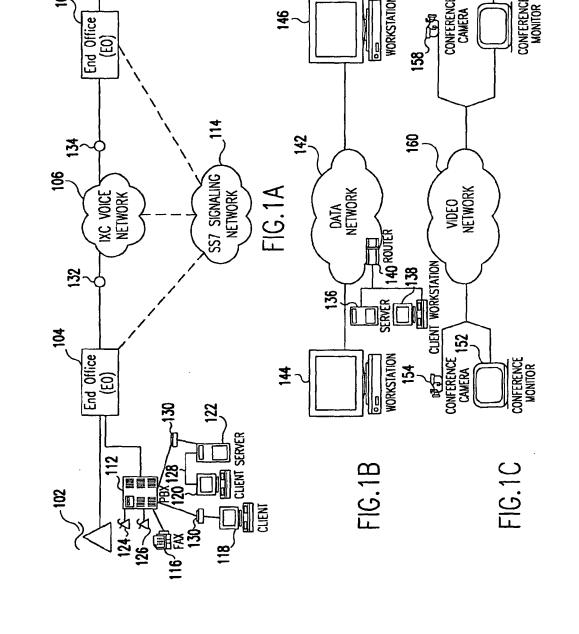
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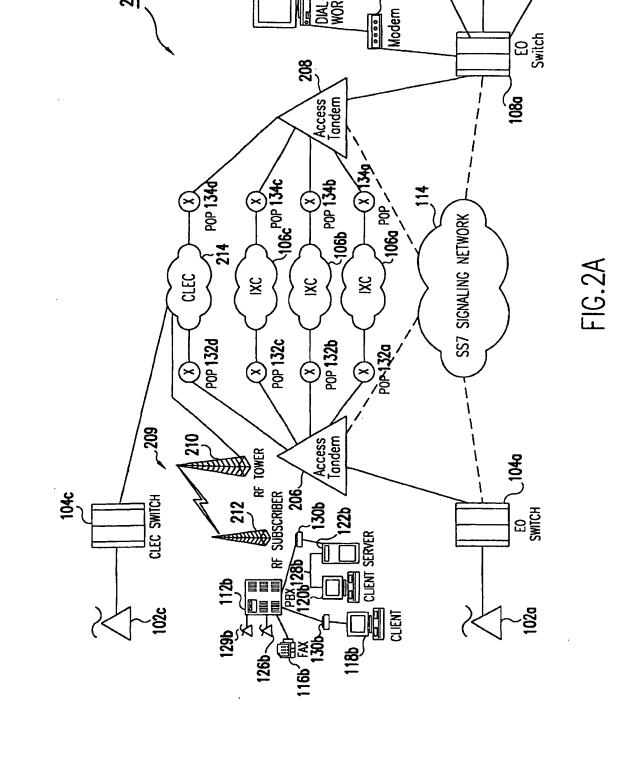
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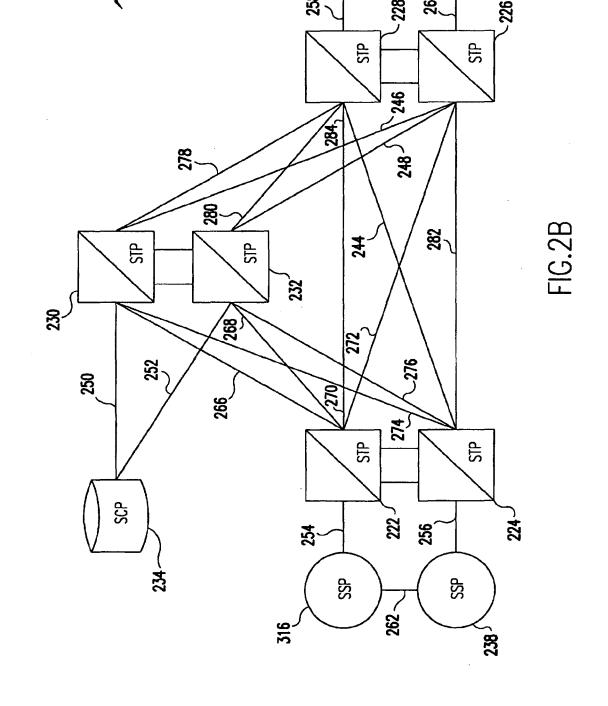
A packet centric wireless point-to-multipoint (PtMP) telecommunications system is provided. The telecommunications system includes a wireless network that provides for true QoS. A media access control (MAC) layer is used in a packet-centric wireless point to multi-point (PtMP) telecommunications system, the telecommunications system includes a wireless base station coupled to a first data network, one or more host workstations coupled to the first data network, one or more subscriber customer premise equipment (CPE) stations in wireless communication with the wireless base station over a shared bandwidth using a packet-centric protocol, and one or more subscriber workstations coupled to each of the subscriber CPE stations over a second network. The MAC layer includes a resource allocation means that allocates shared bandwidth among the subscriber CPE stations to optimize end-user quality of service (QoS).

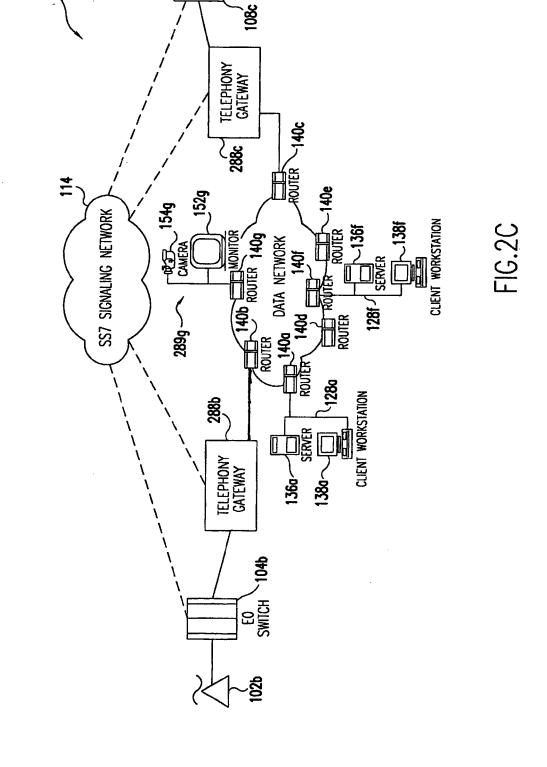












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