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Customer Requests to 100 Purchase TUR-based 102 Services Enter TRU-based Service Info into POS Send Info to Host 106 Computer System Verify Card 108 Accept Payment 110 Confirm Payment 112 to POS Host Confirms Activation

(57) Abstract: A method of providing telephone response unit (TRU)-based services includes receiving from a point-of-sale (POS) device a request at a host computer system to activate TRU-based services. The request includes an identifier that indicates the specific TRU-based services to be activated. The method also includes confirming the availability of the specific TRU-based services to be activated and storing at the host computer system information that indicates the services are activated. The method also includes returning a message to the POS that indicates that the TRU-based services have been activated.



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