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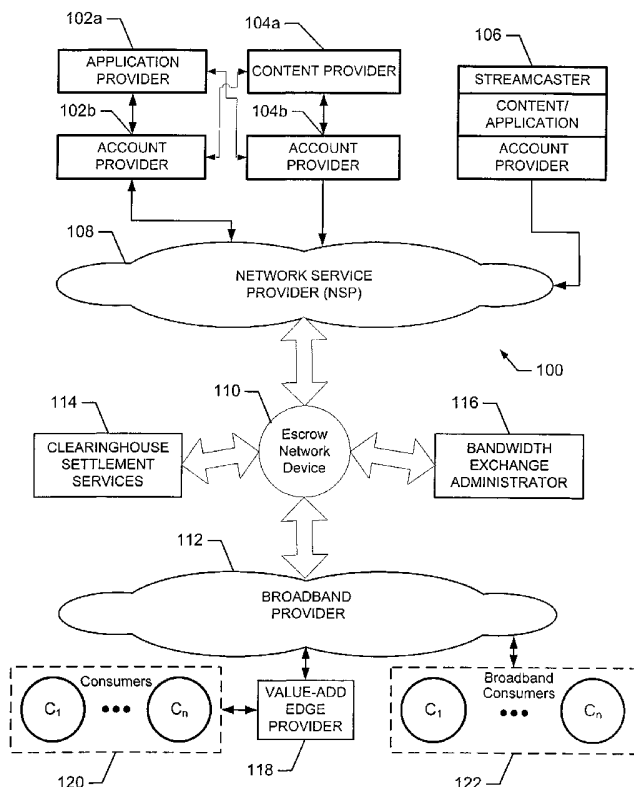
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(54) Title: METHODS FOR DELIVERY OF CONTENT FROM ONE OR MORE CONTENT PROVIDES AND FOR ESCROWED PAYMENT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF A CONTENT DELIVERY ASSOCIATION



(57) Abstract: A method and system for delivering digital content over a network (100) includes receiving a request for content from a computer-based content ordering device (120), (122) according to a criteria specified through a user interface associated with the computer-based content ordering device, determining if at least one or more content providers (104a), (106) have the requested content stored on one or more computer content storage devices and capable of delivering the content in accordance with the criteria specified on the computer-based content ordering device from the one or more content providers matching the criteria, receiving authorization from the computer-based content ordering device directing one of the one or more content providers matching the criteria to provide the content as requested and delivering the content from the authorized content provider to a content delivery destination specified by the computer-based content ordering device.

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1. claims: 1 and 2-10,12,13

Authorized delivery of content from at least one content provider to an ordering device.

2. claims: 14,21 and 11,15-20,22

Escrowed payment between members of a content delivery association.

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