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- (54) Title of the Invention: Electrical power management device Abstract Title: Electrical power management device
- (57) The present invention provides a device for managing power consumption of an electrical appliance connectable to an external power supply, comprising: an input connectable to the power supply; an output connectable to the electrical appliance; a switchable electrical connection between the input and the output to per nut or prevent the supply of electrical power from the external power supply to the electrical appliance through the device; a sensor for providing an output signal indicative of the current supplied to the electrical appliance through the switchable electrical connection or indicative of an environmental condition; and a microcontroller connected to the sensor and to the switchable electrical connection that, in response to a predetermined output signal from the sensor, prevents the supply of electrical power to the electrical appliance and to the microcontroller. A device in accordance with the present invention is operable to reduce power consumption of electrical appliances and can enter a mode in which it consumes no power itself, leading to zero total power consumption.

