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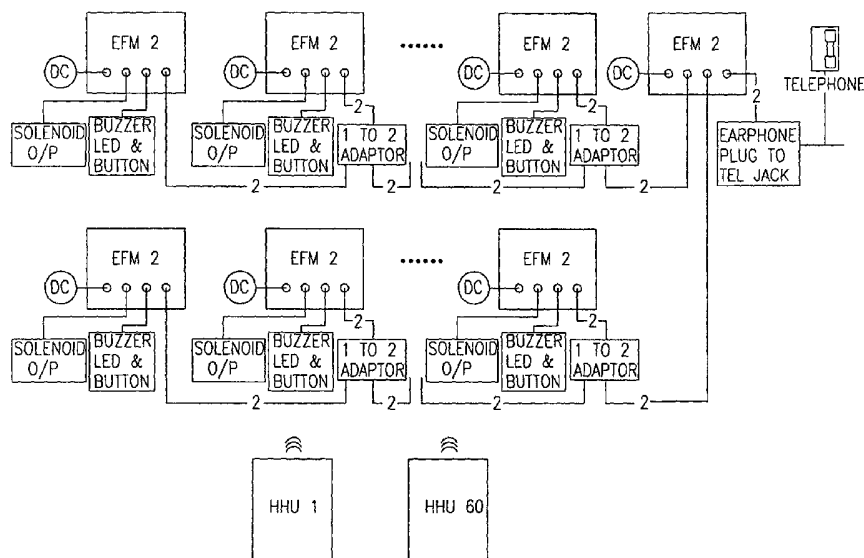
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(57) Abstract: A household fluid flow-rate monitor and control system is provided to prevent flood damage, fluid leakage and loss of fluid. The system includes a plurality of alarm units (EFM 2) for monitoring fluid flow in the system; an automatic electrically operated valve (SOLENOID O/P) for shutting off the fluid flow to prevent damage; a fluid meter (30) for sending to a monitor an electrical signal for every unit of fluid flowing through the system; and a controller unit including a microprocessor unit (MICRO PROCESSOR) and a memory unit connected to the automatic valve to shut off the system. The monitor receives input from the fluid meter or from a flood sensor and sends alarm signals (BUZZER, LED & BUTTON) for several types of events, such as burst flow, leakage, flood, etc. to the controller unit. The unit also has a manual override switch to bypass the electronics.

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