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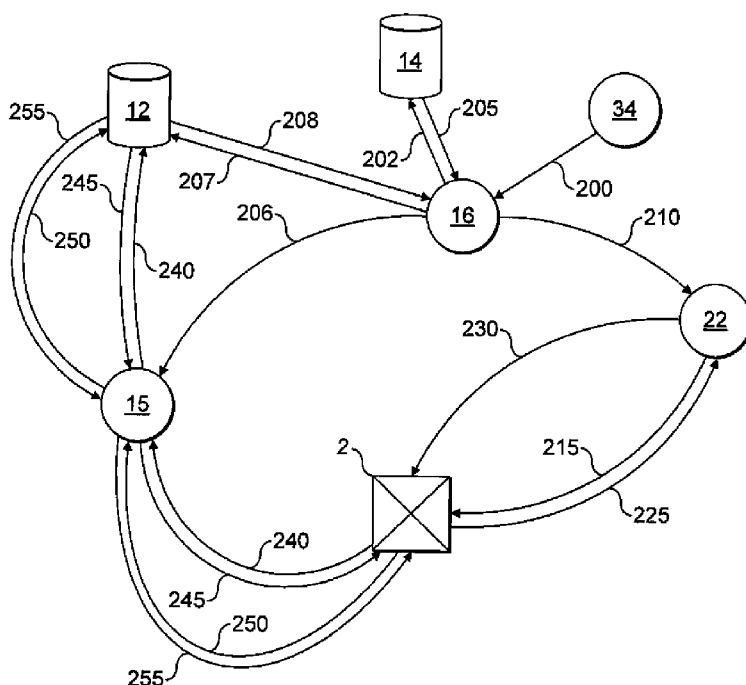


FIG. 6

(57) Abstract: Embodiments of the invention relate to a network operations database such as a VLR, with data from a subscriber database such as a HLR on an individual subscriber basis, outside of the normal operation of the VLR, a MSC linked thereto, and/or HLR. In one embodiment, a VLR is updated with data from a new HLR for a subscriber during subscriber migration. This ensures that subscribers can access normal network services such as receiving calls and messages without degradation of service during subscriber migration. In another embodiment, a VLR is updated with data from a HLR for a subscriber so as to switch serving VLRs for the subscriber from a VLR of one network to another VLR of another network.

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