



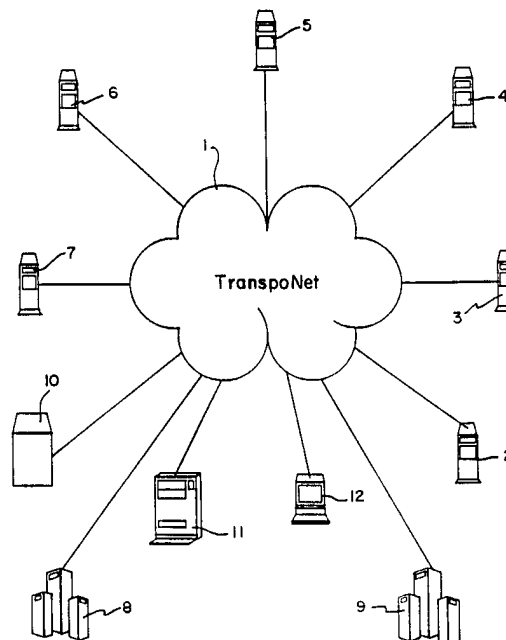
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(57) Abstract

A transportation network service system (1) and method which integrates communications and data transmission requirements for ground transportation service providers (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) into a single, centrally controlled network. The transportation network of the present invention provides for the seamless distribution of reservations data and other information between ground transportation service providers (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7). Specifically, communications networks, such as the Internet (16) and the World Wide Web, are used as the data distribution backbone between the various service providers. In one embodiment of the present invention, the service providers subscribe to the transportation network in order to be allowed to upload requests to the system, i.e., to other subscribers (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) in distant locations, as well as to be allowed to download requests, i.e., to fulfill service requests issued by other service providers.



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