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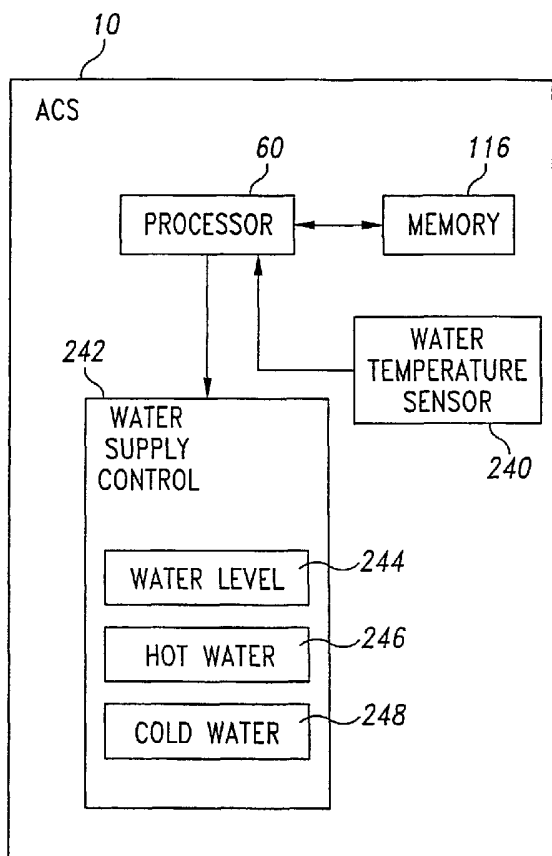
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(54) Title: APPLIANCE CONTROL SYSTEM WITH NETWORK ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMMABLE MEMORY



(57) Abstract: An appliance controller includes memory that stores program instructions for operation of the various operating characteristics, modes, states, cycles, and/or the like of the appliance. The memory is accessible through a network, either public (i.e. the Internet) or private via an integral interface. The program instructions may be provided to the memory via the network to modify, exchange and/or alter existing program instructions and/or provide new program instructions. The network and/or program instructions may also provide diagnostics and communication capabilities.

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