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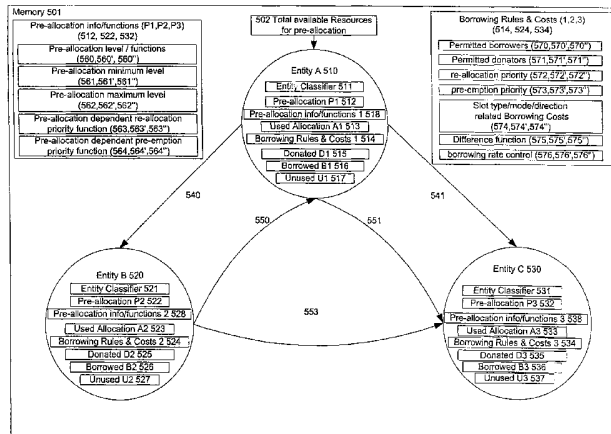
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for use in a communications system including a plurality of users (510, 520, 530) and different sets of pre-allocated resources (512, 522, 532), a first user being assigned to use resources from a first one of said sets of pre-allocated resources, the method comprising: determining when said first user requires resources for a communications service exceeding the pre-allocated resources assigned to said first user; in response to determining that said first user requires resources exceeding the pre-allocated resources assigned to said first user, providing reallocated resources to said first user from a second set of pre-allocated resources (514, 524, 534); crediting a second user for at least a portion of said reallocated resources; and charging said first user for at least a portion of said reallocated resource.

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