CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

~~1. A device (1600) operable to communicate with a client device over a first communication link, the device comprising:~~

~~a processor (1602);~~

~~a memory (1604) coupled to the processor (1602);~~

~~a logic unit coupled to the processor; and~~

~~a transmitter and a receiver (1612) coupled to the processor (1602), wherein the receiver is configured to receive data for a client device originating from a base station when the device is proximately located to the client device, wherein a signal strength of the first communication link is greater than a signal strength of a second communication link between the client device and the base station, and wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit control signals generated by the base station to the client device, and wherein further the transmitter and receiver are further configured to extend wireless service connectivity to the client by sending and receiving data between the client device and the base station.~~

~~2. The device (1600) of Claim 1, wherein the logic unit is configured for selecting between the client device and another device to provide communication with the base station between the client device and the another device and wherein the device and the client device are both mobile devices.~~

~~3. The device (1600) of Claim 1, wherein the logic unit is configured to volunteer the transmitter and receiver to provide communication between the client device and the base station.~~

~~4. The device (1600) of Claim 1, wherein the logic unit is configured to accept network assignment for assigning the transmitter and receiver to provide communication between the client device and the base station.~~

~~5. The device of Claim 1(1600) further comprising a mobile phone unit coupled to said processor.~~

~~6. The device of Claim 1(1600), wherein the logic unit is operable to cause the receiver and transmitter to provide wireless service to the client device based on proximity to the client device.~~

~~7~~ 1. A method (200) for enhancing network service, the method comprising:

receiving data (218) for a client device from a base station at a communication device using a first transmission scheme, wherein the client device is subscribed to the base station and wherein said communication device is a wireless electronic device that is determined to be idle;

processing the data for transmission to the client device using a second transmission scheme; and

sending the data to the client device (218) based on the second transmission scheme, wherein the client device is proximately located relative to the communication device, and wherein the communication device is configured to communicate only user plane information to the client device from the base station, and wherein the communication device is configured to provide enhanced wireless coverage to the client device over that provided by the base station.

~~8. The method of Claim 7~~ 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the communication device is greater than a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the base station.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is user deployed and wherein the client device is a mobile device.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is operator deployed.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service to the client device.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to increase data throughput to the client device over that provided by the base station.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service into an area with limited wireless coverage provided by the base station.

8. A communication device comprising:

a receiver for receiving data (218) for a client device from a base station using a first transmission scheme, wherein the client device is subscribed to the base station and wherein said communication device is a wireless electronic device that is determined to be idle;

a processor coupled to the receiver, the processor processing the data for transmission to the client device using a second transmission scheme; and

a transmitter coupled to the processor, the transmitter sending the data to the client device (218) based on the second transmission scheme, wherein the client device is proximately located relative to the communication device, wherein the transmitter communicates only user plane information to the client device from the base station, and wherein the communication device provides enhanced wireless coverage to the client device over that provided by the base station.

9. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the communication device is greater than a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the base station.

~~9~~10. The ~~method~~communication device of Claim ~~7~~8, wherein the communication device is user deployed and wherein the client device is a mobile device.

~~10~~11. The ~~method~~communication device of Claim ~~7~~8, wherein the communication device is operator deployed.

~~11~~12. The ~~method~~communication device of Claim ~~7~~8, wherein the communication device ~~is configured to extend~~extends wireless service to the client device.

~~12~~13. The ~~method~~communication device of Claim ~~7~~8, wherein the communication device is configured to increase data throughput to the client device~~.~~ over that provided by the base station.

~~13~~14. The ~~method~~communication device of Claim ~~7~~8, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service into an area with limited wireless coverage~~.~~

~~14. A mobile device (1600) comprising:~~

~~a processor (1602);~~

~~a transmitter (1612) and a receiver (1612) coupled to the processor (1602) and operable for communicating with a component of a communications network and a plurality of terminal devices; and~~

~~a memory (1604) coupled to the processor (1602) and having stored therein instructions that, when executed, cause the mobile device (1600) to perform a method comprising:~~

~~identifying a subset of terminal devices of the plurality of terminal devices wherein the terminal devices in the subset are proximately located to the device, wherein the transmitter and receiver send and receive data at a higher rate within the communication network than the subset of terminal devices;~~

~~forming a collaborative group comprising the mobile device and the subset of terminal devices; and~~

~~establishing communication links between the communication network and the collaborative group.~~

~~15. The mobile device (1600) of Claim 14, wherein the method further comprising establishing the communication links between the communication network and the collaborative group in response to detection of a weak network signal strength within the communication network.~~

~~16. The mobile device (1600) of Claim 15, wherein the establishing of the communication links between the network and the collaborative group is responsive to an assignment of the mobile device (1600) to manage the subset of terminal devices.~~

~~17. The mobile device (1600) of Claim 15, wherein the establishing of the communication links between the network and the collaborative group comprises volunteering the mobile device (1600) to manage the subset of terminal devices.~~ provided by the base station.