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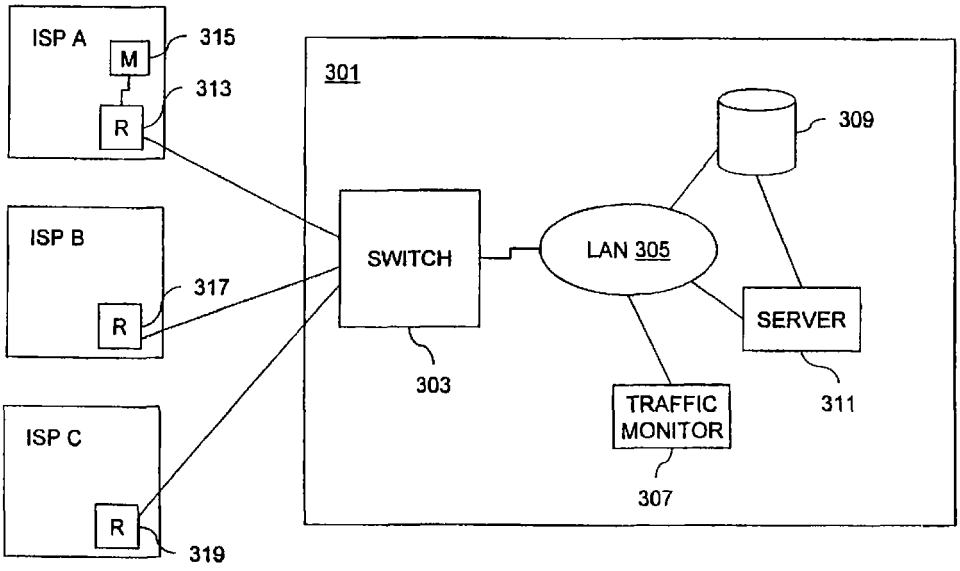
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(57) Abstract: An approach for supporting settlement of network usage associated with multiple network service providers is disclosed. A settlement system (301) includes a processor that determines a settlement agreement among the network service providers. The settlement agreement specifies rate information associated with traffic exchange among the corresponding networks of the network service providers. A traffic monitor (307) measures source traffic statistics, which is stored in a settlement database (309). Additionally, the settlement database (309) stores the settlement agreement. The processor computes settlement information based upon the stored traffic statistics, the settlement information includes usage cost differential information for reconciliation of network usage among the various networks.

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