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(57) Abstract		
A protective relay and power system protection method which incorporates multiple user-selectable communications protocols over multiple communications ports. The relay can support multiple communications protocols over a single communications port, and can support simultaneous formatting and communication over multiple communications ports using different protocols. By supporting a full array of communication protocols in each relay, protective control functionality is enhanced.		
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