

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

REMOTE CONTROL OF NETWORK APPLIANCES USING VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL PHONE

A Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone comprises a network interface that communicates with a medium. A control module communicates with the network interface and controls operation of the VOIP phone. A coder/decoder module communicates with the control module. A microphone outputs audio signals to the coder/decoder module. An audio output device receives audio signals from the coder/decoder module. An input/output interface receives user input. The control module and the network interface transmit the user input as packets to a network appliance to adjust an operating parameter of the network appliance.

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