We Claim:

1. A method performed by a user equipment (UE), the method comprising:

at the user equipment, maintaining a count of how many indication messages with a cause set have been sent by the UE while in at least one radio resource control (RRC) state;

entering idle mode from the at least one RRC state; and

resetting the count responsive to entering idle mode from the at least one RRC state.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a state in RRC Connected mode.

3. The method of any one of the preceeding claims, wherein the indication messages comprise signaling connection release indication messages.

4. The method of any one of the preceeding claims, wherein the indication messages in the count each have a cause set to "UE Requested PS Data session end".

5. The method of any one of the preceeding claims, wherein the cause is set to "UE Requested PS Data session end".

6. The method of any one of the preceeding claims, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a CELL_PCH state or a URA_PCH state.

7. The method of any one of the preceeding claims, wherein maintaining a count comprises using a counter.

8. A user equipment (UE) configured to process indication messages, the user equipment configured to:

maintain a count of how many indication messages with a cause set have been sent by the UE while in at least one radio resource control (RRC) state;

enter idle mode from the at least one RRC state; and

reset the count responsive to entering idle mode from the at least one RRC state.

9. The user equipment of claim 8, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a state in RRC Connected mode.

10. The user equipment of one of claims 8 and 9, wherein the indication messages comprise signaling connection release indication messages.

11. The user equipment of one claims 8 to 10, wherein the indication messages in the count each have a cause set to "UE Requested PS Data session end".

12. The user equipment of any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the cause is set to "UE Requested PS Data session end".

13. The user equipment of any one of claims 8 to 12, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a CELL_PCH state or a URA_PCH state.

14. The user equipment of any one of claims 8 to 13, further comprising a counter for maintaining the count.

Claims:

1. A method comprising:

maintaining, at a user equipment (UE), a count of signaling connection release indication (SCRI) messages sent by the UE to a network, said count maintained while a SCRI inhibit timer is not running;

receiving packet switched (PS) data at the UE; and

resetting the count at the UE responsive to receiving the PS data.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the SCRI messages sent by the UE each have a cause set.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the cause is set to UE Requested PS Data session end.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the SCRI messages are sent by the UE while in at least one radio resource control (RRC) state.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a CELL_PCH state or a URA_PCH state.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein maintaining a count comprises using a counter.

7. A user equipment (UE) comprising a processor, configured to:

maintain a count of signaling connection release indication (SCRI) messages sent by the UE to a network said count maintained while a SCRI inhibit timer is not running;

receive packet switched (PS) data; and

reset the count responsive to receiving the PS data.

8. The UE of claim 7, wherein the indication messages sent by the UE each have a cause set.

9. The UE of claim 7, wherein the cause is set to UE Requested PS Data session end.

10. The UE of claim 7, wherein the indication messages are sent by the UE while in at least one radio resource control (RRC) state.

11. The UE of claim 10, wherein the at least one RRC state comprises a CELL_PCH state or a URA_PCH state.

12. The UE of claim 7, wherein maintaining a count comprises using a counter.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said maintaining includes incrementing the count.

14. The UE of claim 7, wherein said maintaining includes incrementing the count.