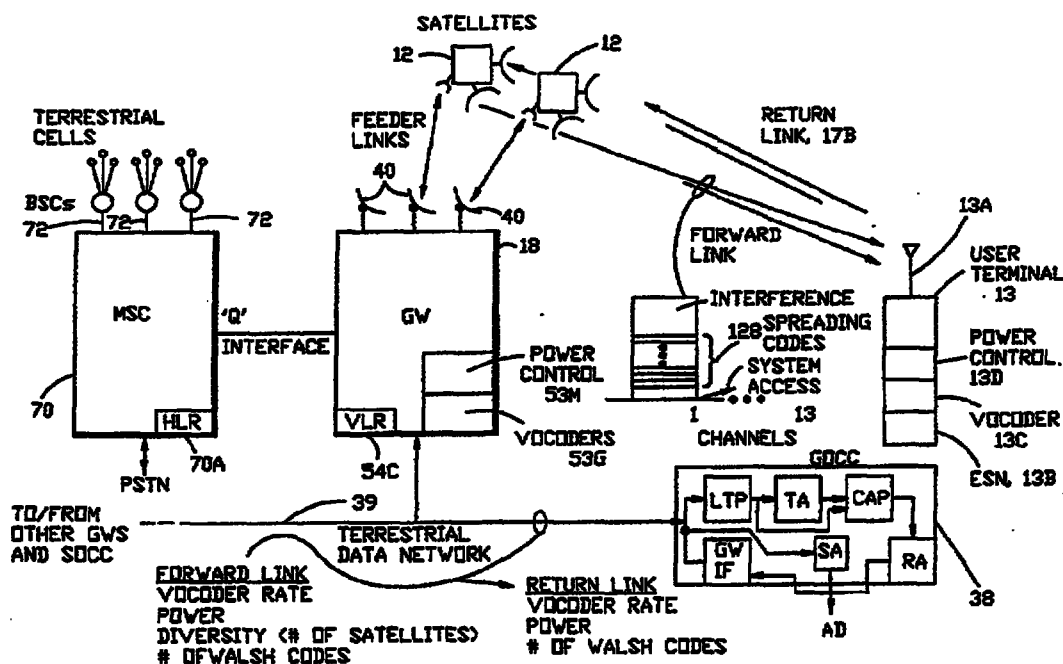


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A method and system for accurately accounting for an amount of satellite communication system resources. A gateway (18) that is assigned to handle a call for a user terminal (13) accumulates the data and subsequently transfers the data over a terrestrial data network (39) to a Ground Operations Control Center (38).