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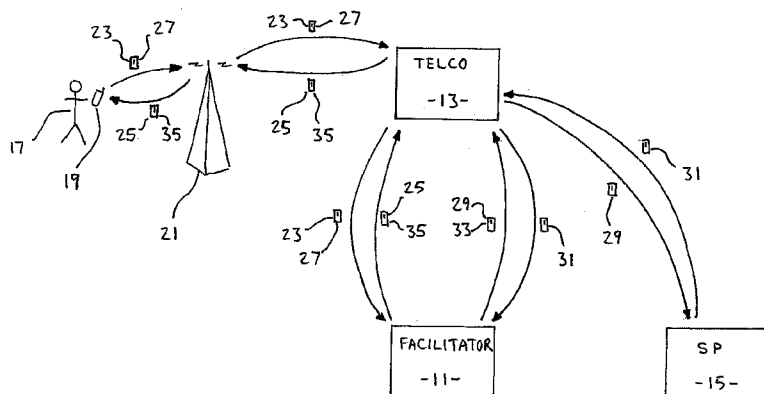
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(57) Abstract: A method and facilitator system (11) to facilitate access by a subscriber (17) of a telecommunications provider (13) to a service or merchandise provided by a service provider (15) is disclosed. In the method and system, the facilitator (11) receives a first communication (23) from the subscriber (17) requesting provision of a service or merchandise via a telecommunications network. The facilitator (11) generates, and records a PIN against data from the communication, and sends (25) the PIN to the subscriber. The facilitator (11) awaits, via a tracked session, a second communication (27) from the subscriber (17) in confirmation of receipt of the PIN within a predetermined period of time, where if there is no confirmation within the predetermined period of time, the facilitator (11) voids the transaction. On successful confirmation (27) within the predetermined period of time, the facilitator (11) issues instructions (29) to the service provider (15) to provide the service or merchandise, and whereafter the facilitator (11) awaits a message (31) from the service provider (15) that the service or merchandise has been provided, and on receipt of the message (31), issues instructions (33) to the telecommunications provider (13) to charge the subscriber (17).

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