CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method (200) for enhancing network service, the method comprising:

receiving data (218) for a client device from a base station at a communication device using a first transmission scheme, wherein the client device is subscribed to the base station and wherein said communication device is a wireless electronic device that is determined to be idle;

processing the data for transmission to the client device using a second transmission scheme; and

sending the data to the client device (218) based on the second transmission scheme, wherein the client device is proximately located relative to the communication device, and wherein the communication device is configured to communicate only user plane information to the client device from the base station, and wherein the communication device is configured to provide enhanced wireless coverage to the client device over that provided by the base station.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the communication device is greater than a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the base station.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is user deployed and wherein the client device is a mobile device.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is operator deployed.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service to the client device.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to increase data throughput to the client device over that provided by the base station.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service into an area with limited wireless coverage provided by the base station.

8. A communication device comprising:

a receiver for receiving data (218) for a client device from a base station using a first transmission scheme, wherein the client device is subscribed to the base station and wherein said communication device is a wireless electronic device that is determined to be idle;

a processor coupled to the receiver, the processor processing the data for transmission to the client device using a second transmission scheme; and

a transmitter coupled to the processor, the transmitter sending the data to the client device (218) based on the second transmission scheme, wherein the client device is proximately located relative to the communication device, wherein the transmitter communicates only user plane information to the client device from the base station, and wherein the communication device provides enhanced wireless coverage to the client device over that provided by the base station.

9. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the communication device is greater than a signal strength of a communication link between the client device and the base station.

10. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein the communication device is user deployed and wherein the client device is a mobile device.

11. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein the communication device is operator deployed.

12. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein the communication device extends wireless service to the client device.

13. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein the communication device is configured to increase data throughput to the client device over that provided by the base station.

14. The communication device of Claim 8, wherein the communication device is configured to extend wireless service into an area with limited wireless coverage provided by the base station.