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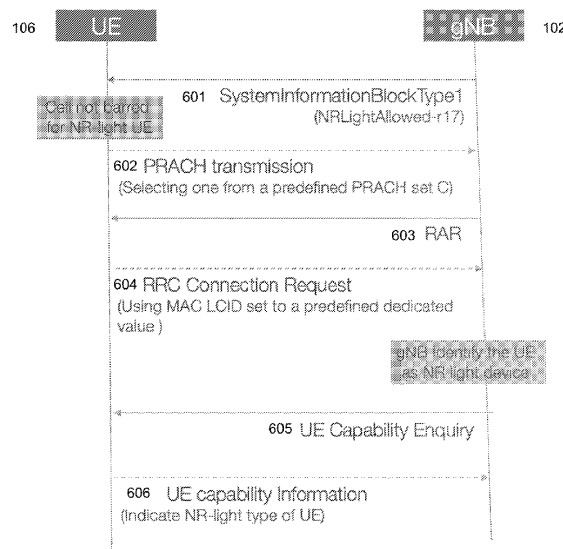


FIG. 6

(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for a wireless device of reduced capabilities to access a wireless communication network targeted to operate with wireless device having higher capabilities is disclosed. The device may receive from a base station of the wireless communication network an indication of whether the type of devices that includes the wireless device of reduced capabilities is allowed to access the wireless communication network. The device may transmit to the base station signaling associated with connecting to the base station if the base station indicates that the type of devices with reduced capabilities is allowed to access the wireless communication network. The signaling allows the device to connect to the base station. The device may transmit capability information of the device to the base station. The device may configure its features based on the capability information to communicate with the base station.

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