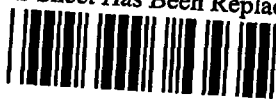


A communications network in which user equipment is provided with a selecting device (12) which communicates with a pricing device (20) in service provider equipment. When communications or other services are required, the selection circuit 12 polls a plurality of service providers, and the pricing circuit 20 of each service provider generates a price signal indicating the level of price for its services. The selection circuit 12 then selects a service provider, based on price (and also other factors such as quality of service).

Figure 3.

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