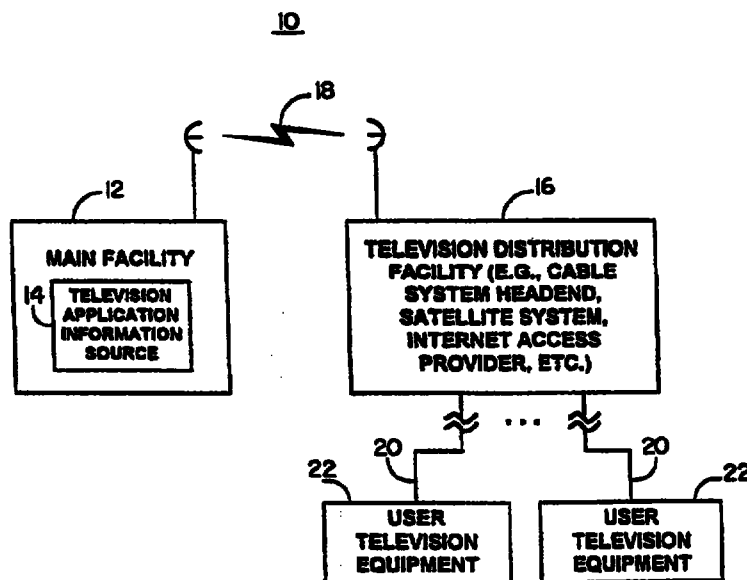




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**(57) Abstract**

A cooperative interactive television application system is provided. User television equipment devices are programmed with the cooperative interactive television application. The application determines whether it is running in a system with another device also running the cooperative television application. If other devices are running the cooperative television application, system functionality is dynamically partitioned among the devices. System functions may be removed from or resources disabled on devices when the device is not responsible for performing the function.