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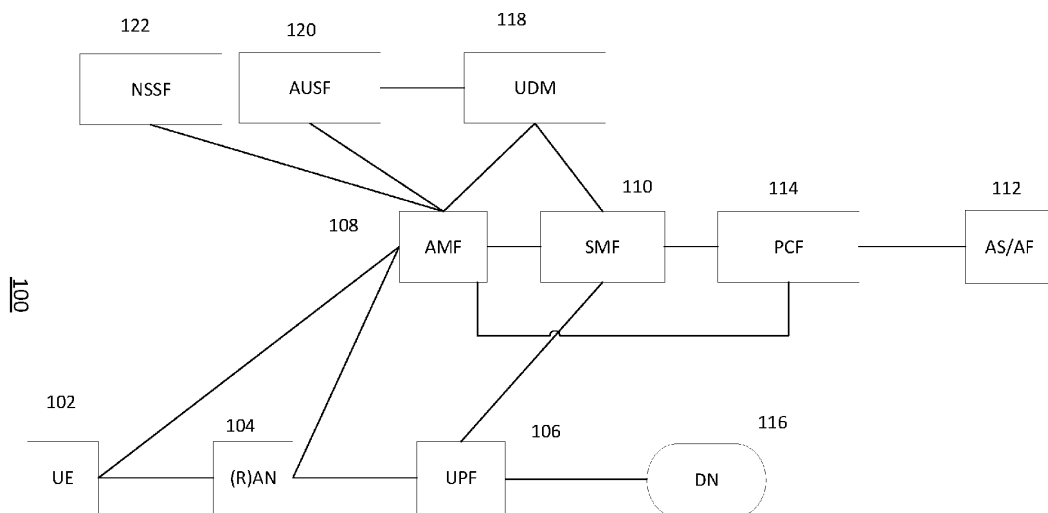


Figure 1B

(57) **Abstract:** A method, apparatus and computer program product may be provided for providing always-on as an attribute of a PDU session, providing interworking aspects with respect to an always-on PDU session, and enabling network determination of whether a PDU session will be an always-on PDU session. An example method may include receiving, from UE, a PDU session establishment request message, the PDU session establishment request message comprising an always-on PDU session requested IE set to a value indicative of a request to establish a new-always on PDU session (e.g., "Always-on PDU session requested"), and upon a determination that the requested PDU session shall be established as an always-on PDU session, cause transmission of a PDU session establishment accept message, the PDU session establishment accept message comprising an always-on PDU session indication IE that is set to a value indicative of always-on PDU session required ("Always-on PDU session required").

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