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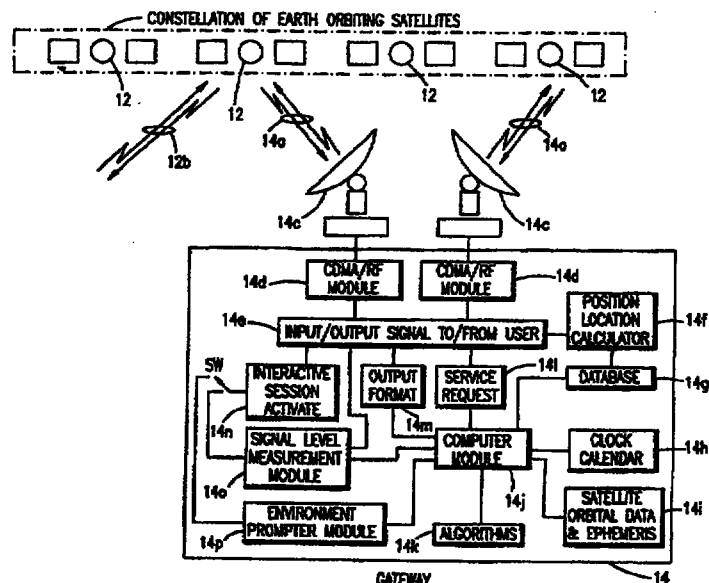
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(57) Abstract

Disclosed are methods and apparatus for use in a satellite communications system (10) that enable a user to gain knowledge of a direction to one or more "best" satellites available to the user. This information enables the user to alter his or her position to take advantage of the one or more "best" satellites at any particular time in order to facilitate the ability to log-on, initiate and receive calls, and complete calls. The information can be supplied by the user terminal (13) itself, or by a gateway (14). The information can be employed by the user to select for a period of time, by example, a position on an east side of a building, to move to a south-east facing window, or to take some other action that enhances the user's connectivity to one or more of the satellites.