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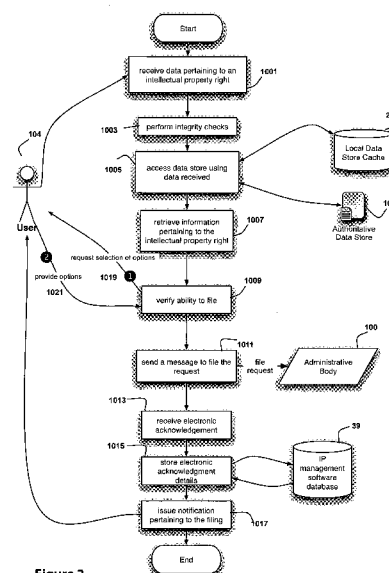


Figure 2

(57) Abstract: A system (10) and process for filing a request with an administrative body (100), the system (10) having a communications interface (11) and a server (15) connectable to a data communications network (102). A primary module (17) of the server (15) is able to receive data about an IP right from a user (104). This data is then used by a data gateway (19) to access information on the IP right. A verification module (21) verifies the ability to validly file the request based on the information accessed by the data gateway (19). The primary module (17) is operatively coupled to a communications module (23). The communications module (23) is able to send a message via the communications interface (11) to file the request with the administrative body (100). The communications module is also able to receive electronic acknowledgement via the communications interface (11) in response to the message sent. The electronic acknowledgement is passed on to the primary module (17). After receiving the electronic acknowledgement, the primary module (17) is able to issue a notification to the user (104) confirming the filing of the request.