



ABSTRACT

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

5 In a telecommunications network of the kind comprising
a number of digital main switching units (1) connected to
local switching units (2) which provide telephony service to
consumer premises (4) via local connections (3), telemetry
services provided for utilities (9) by way of a telemetry
10 platform (8).

A network management system (6) is responsive to
customer service information (7) to cause local switching
units (2) to provide customer facilities such as call
barring. The local exchange (2) is responsive to signals
15 indicative of a call from the telemetry platform (8) to
override any class of service which would normally prevent
the telemetry call from being connected.

In a further aspect of the invention the local
exchange (2) and telemetry platform (8) co-operate with
20 customer premises interface equipment to ensure that any
conflict between telephony requirement and telemetry
requirement is resolved in favour of the telephony customer.

Figure 1