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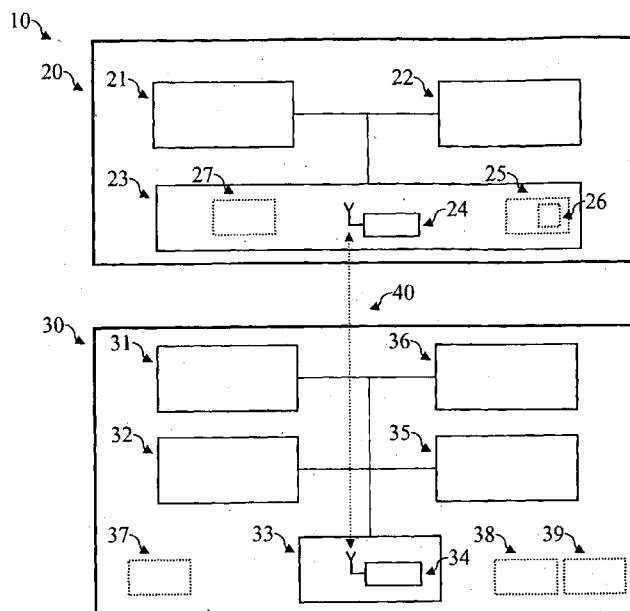


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A remote switch module is used to control the sockets of a general power outlet (GPO) to provide greater control and flexibility compared to standard GPOs. The GPO comprises a socket and power module for supplying power to the socket. A control module comprises a communication module for receiving a switching signal from a remote switch module, and switches the power supply state to the power module based upon the switching signal. The remote switch module comprises a switch actuator, power supply module and a remote communications module for transmitting a switching signal to the control module. The remote switch module may be a mobile computing device (eg mobile phone), or it may be a dedicated device. The remote switch module may be designed to attach to the GPO, and may include status indicators. A security module may also be used to ensure only authorised users can control a GPO.