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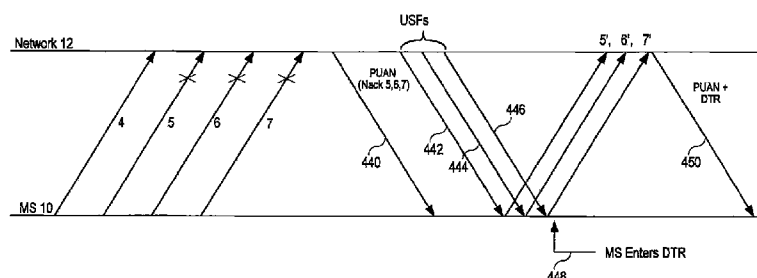


FIG. 3

(57) **Abstract:** A method for communicating with a network is presented. The method includes receiving an assignment of first timeslots for uplink communications, and receiving an instruction to reduce monitoring to a set of timeslots. The set of timeslots has a number of timeslots less than a number of timeslots to be monitored in accordance with the assignment. The method includes receiving a negative acknowledgement of one or more radio blocks previously transmitted to the network, retransmitting at least one of the one or more radio blocks, and, after retransmitting the at least one of the one or more radio blocks and before receiving a second instruction to reduce monitoring, reducing monitoring to the set of timeslots.