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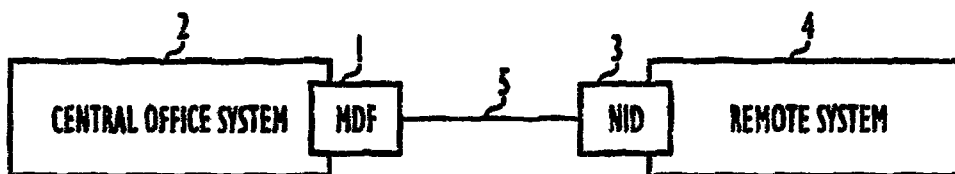
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(57) Abstract

Method and apparatus for enabling data communication. The quality of a communication channel (5) is determined using line probing techniques (1, 3). In addition, capabilities of the communication devices are exchanged between a central station (2) and a remote location (4). Based upon the quality of the communication channel (5), and the capabilities of the communication channel (5), an appropriate communication standard is selected.

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