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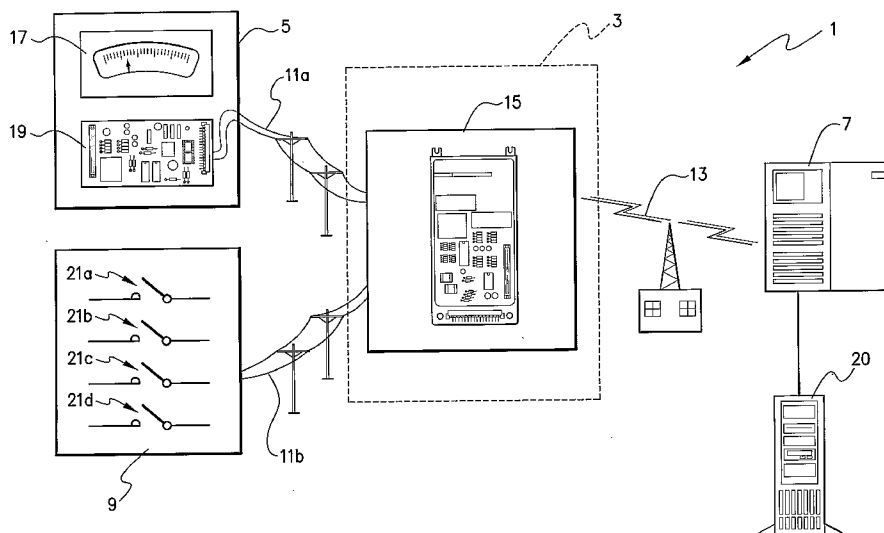
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(57) Abstract: A system for controlling usage of a resource by a user, the system comprising: communication means (3); measuring means (5) operable to measure a consumption of the resource by the user and place information representative of the consumption on the communication means (3); processing means (7) operable to process the information on the communication means (3) in order to determine whether the consumption of the resource is at or above a threshold, the processing means (7) also being operable to place control information on the communication means (3) in response to determining that the consumption is at or above the threshold; and a control means (9) operable to control the consumption of the resource based on the control information placed on the communication means (3), to thereby control the usage of the resource.