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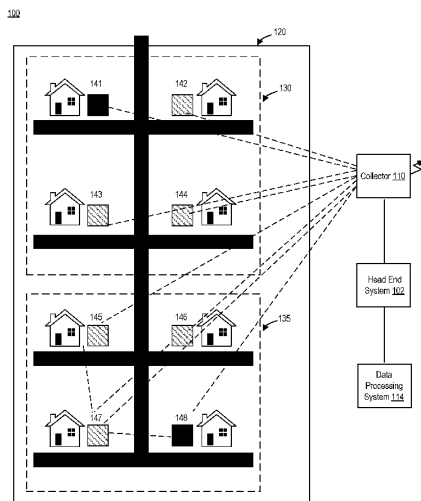


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Disclosed techniques relate to identifying a bellwether meter. In an example, a method involves receiving, at a first device on a personal area network within a communications network, from each of a set of metering devices on the personal area network and at a first reporting rate, a measurement of the resource distribution network obtained at the respective metering device. The first device and the set of metering devices are within a predefined group of devices. The method further includes analyzing the measurements, and based on the analyzing, selecting a first metering device of the metering devices as a bellwether metering device for a first period of time. The method further includes receiving from the bellwether metering device measurements at a second reporting rate that is greater than the first reporting rate and measurements from other devices of the plurality of metering devices at the first rate reporting rate.

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