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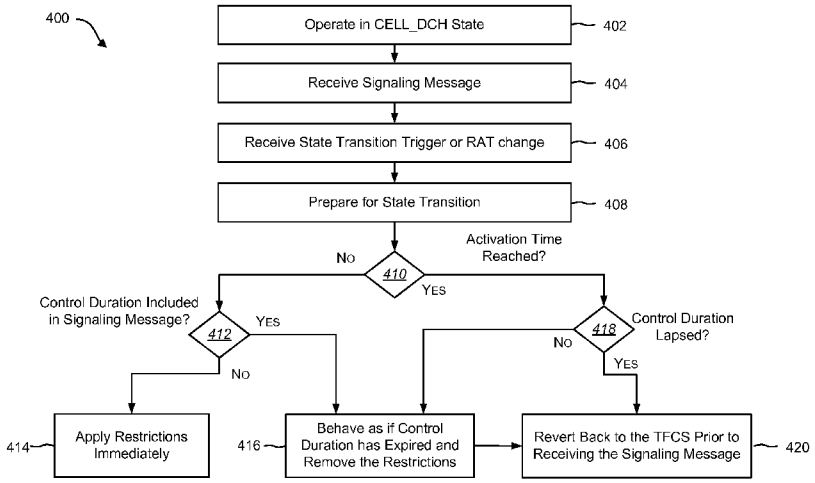


FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: A method for handling a signaling message that specifies transmission rate restrictions may include operating in a first state. The method may also include receiving the signaling message from a network. The signaling message may include an activation time, the transmission rate restrictions and the control duration. The method may also include receiving a state transition trigger to operate in a second state. The method may also include determining the user equipment's behavior regarding the transmission rate restrictions upon receiving the state transition trigger.

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