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(54) **UPLINK DATA TRANSFER**

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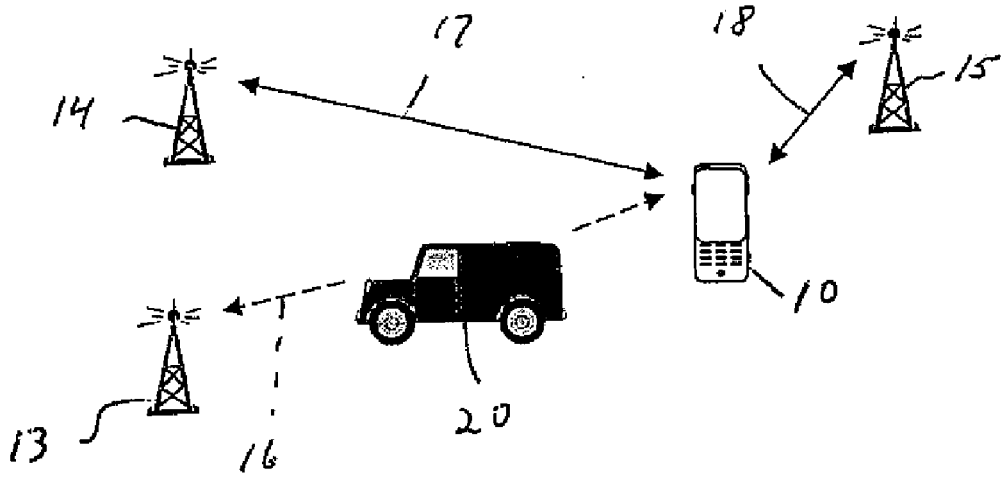
A method including transmitting an uplink access request message by a user device (UD) for an access point (AP) in an access point cluster set of the UD; and monitoring a downlink control channel by the user device (UD) to determine, based at least partially upon the transmitted uplink access request message, if a subsequent uplink communication is to be transmitted by the user device (UD) to a serving access point and/or a stand-by access point of the access point cluster set.