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(54) SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR HANDOVER OF A HIGH POWER WIRELESS DEVICE OPERATING IN A WIRELESS NETWORK

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(57) ABSTRACT

Systems and methods are described for extending coverage of a wireless device. A plurality of wireless devices located in a coverage area of a first access node can be monitored for a first condition. At least one wireless device of the plurality of wireless devices that meets the first condition can be classified as a high power wireless device. Two or more indicators reported by the at least one wireless device are compared to a criteria. When the two or more indicators meet the criteria, a handoff of the at least one wireless device from the first access node to a second access node can be performed.

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