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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method includes generating quality of service requirement information which includes packet loss rate indication information. The packet loss rate indication information includes an acceptable maximum packet loss rate and a reference number of service data packets. The reference number of service data packets indicates a reference measurement number for counting the packet loss rate. The method also includes sending the quality of service requirement information.

The diagram illustrates a communication system between two devices. At the top, a box labeled "Multi-link transmit device" is connected by a curved line to the reference numeral 11. At the bottom, a box labeled "Multi-link receive device" is connected by a curved line to the reference numeral 12. Between these two devices, there are three vertical double-headed arrows representing communication links, labeled "Link 1", "Link 2", and "Link N", with an ellipsis (...) between Link 2 and Link N.