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(54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING ACCESS TO A PUSH-TO-TALK-OVER-CELLULAR **COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

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(57)ABSTRACT

A method of managing access to a push-to-talk-over-cellular (POC) talkgroup may include providing a control device configured to manage a first talkgroup, granting a first non-subscriber device access to the first talkgroup, and transmitting, from the control device to the first non-subscriber device, a first communication including a link to download a POC software application configured to access the first talkgroup. A method of managing access to a push-to-talk-over-cellular (POC) talkgroup may alternatively include providing a control device configured to manage a first talkgroup, providing a first subscriber device, transmitting, from the first subscriber device to the control device, first non-subscriber contact information associated with a first non-subscriber device, and granting the first non-subscriber device access to the first talkgroup.

