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(54) **Apparatus for controlled supply of lighting systems**

(57) An apparatus for controlled supply of lighting systems powered by an alternating voltage (V_{AC}) source, with interposition of protection means and supplying a plurality of electric loads ($L_1, L_2, \dots, L_j, \dots, L_n$), includes a device for converting the alternating voltage (V_{AC}) into a direct voltage (V_{DC}), made available at the outlet terminals.

A plurality of modulating units ($U_1, U_2, \dots, U_j, \dots, U_n$) are connected respectively to the plurality of electric loads ($L_1, L_2, \dots, L_j, \dots, L_n$) and supplied by the direct voltage (V_{DC}).

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Each unit (U_j) includes at least one solid state electronic switch ($E_1, E_2, \dots, E_j, E_j^A, E_j^B, E_j^C, E_j^D$), which is enabled/disabled to allow circulation of an electrical current (I_j) through the corresponding load (L_j).

A central unit is provided for enabling/disabling the solid state electronic switches ($E_1, E_2, \dots, E_j, E_j^A, E_j^B, E_j^C, E_j^D, \dots, E_n$) by respective control signals ($S_1, S_2, \dots, S_j, S_j^A, S_j^B, S_j^C, S_j^D, \dots, S_n$), according to a prefixed modulation technique.

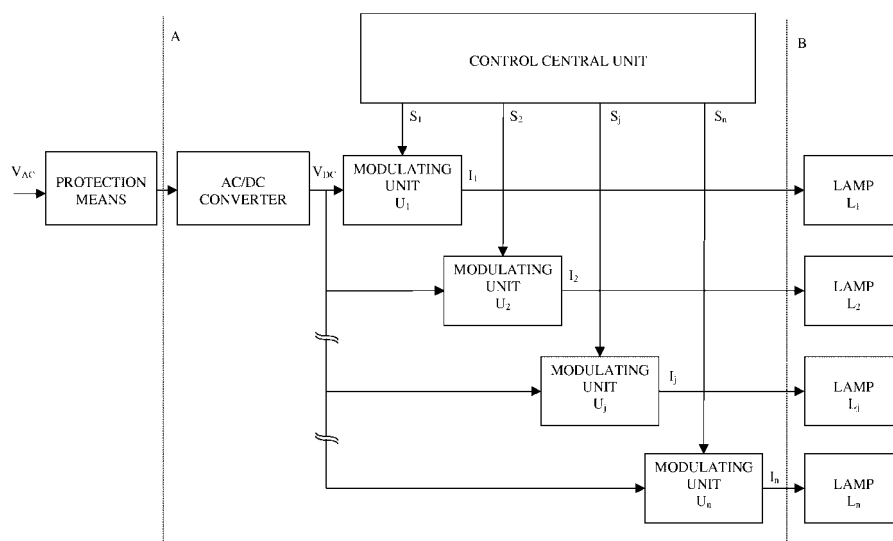


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