Title: ENCLOSURE FOR HOUSING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Abstract: An enclosure for housing communications equipment at subscriber premises includes at least one cable port for receiving service provider cable, a subscriber cable, and ground cable. The enclosure further includes housing having base and outer cover movably attached to base between opened position and closed position to define housing interior volume when outer cover is in closed position. A grounding post extends from base within the housing interior volume and is electrically connectable with ground cable. Active electronic components located in the housing interior volume connect service provider cable with subscriber cable. Service provider security nut attachable to the grounding post both fixes the active electronic components within the housing and grounds active electronic components to grounding post and ground cable. The active electronic components may be mounted to movable inner cover and outer cover may include skirt extending in first direction to obscure cable ports, mounting feet, and hinges.
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