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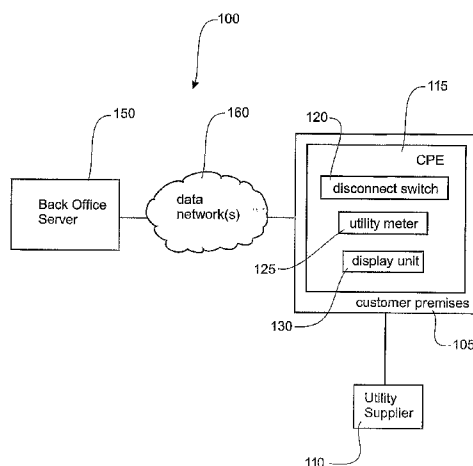


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method of managing supply of a utility to a customer premises. A utility meter and a disconnect switch are installed at the customer premises. A management system remote from the customer premises is interfaced to the utility meter and disconnect switch over a data network. The method includes transmitting a termination instruction over the data network if the utility meter has not received configuration information from the management system; transmitting an initiation instruction over the data network if the utility meter has received an override switch ON command from the management system; transmitting a termination instruction over the data network on detecting tampering with the meter; and transmitting a termination instruction over the data network causing activation of the disconnect switch to terminate supply of the utility if the utility meter has received an override switch OFF command from the management system.

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