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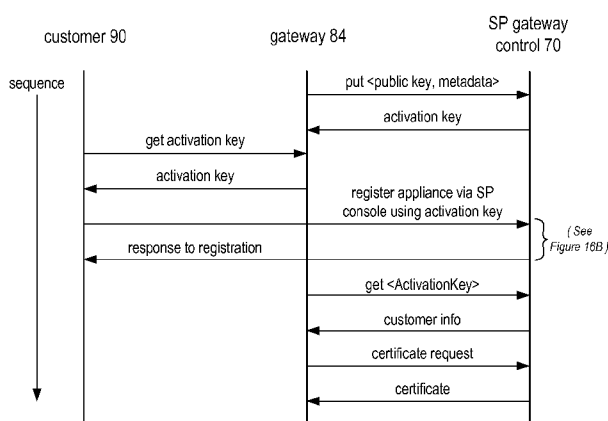


Figure 16A

(57) **Abstract:** Methods, apparatus, and computer-accessible storage media for activating a gateway to a remote service provider. The gateway serves as an interface between processes on a customer network and the provider, for example to store customer data to a remote data store. A gateway sends a public key and metadata describing the gateway to the provider. The gateway receives an activation key from the provider and exposes the activation key on the customer network. The customer obtains the key and communicates to the provider using the key to provide customer information including a name for the gateway and to authorize registration of the gateway. The provider provides the customer information to the gateway. The gateway requests security credentials from the provider using the customer information and the key. The provider sends a security credential to the gateway. The gateway may then obtain configuration information from the customer via the provider.



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