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### (54) SUPPLEMENTAL COMPONENT MOUNTING PLATFORM FOR EQUIPMENT RACK

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

The present disclosure relates to a mounting platform for use in an equipment rack having a frame with a pair of spaced apart vertical frame elements. The mounting platform supports at least one external device adjacent a rear area of the equipment rack without interfering with use of internal device mounting locations within the equipment rack. The mounting platform makes use of a gate panel which is configured to support the external device thereon. At least one hinge is used to support the gate panel in a vertical orientation from one of the vertical frame elements. The gate panel is movable between a closed position and an open position. In the closed position the gate panel is positioned parallel to a line extending between the vertical frame elements and supports the external device adjacent to the rear area of the equipment rack. In the open position the gate panel is positioned substantially perpendicular to the line extending between the vertical frame elements, and does not impede access to the internal device mounting locations within the equipment rack.

