

## Nexus® 1500+ Meter Quickstart Guide



**CAUTION!** Installation of the Nexus® 1500+ meter must be performed only by qualified personnel who follow standard safety precautions during all procedures. Those personnel should have appropriate training and experience with high voltage devices. Appropriate safety gloves, safety glasses and protective clothing are recommended.

During normal operation of the Nexus® meter, dangerous voltages flow through many parts of the unit, including: Terminals and any connected CTs (Current Transformers) and PTs (Potential Transformers), all I/O Modules and their circuits. All Primary and Secondary circuits can, at times, produce lethal voltages and currents. Avoid contact with any current-carrying surfaces.

Do not use the meter or any I/O device for primary protection or in an energy-limiting capacity. The meter can only be used as secondary protection.

**IMPORTANT!** Refer to your meter's Installation and Operation Manual for additional safety warnings before performing installation, wiring, or maintenance of your meter. See the link to the manual, below.

**NOTE:** This Quickstart Guide gives basic installation, wiring, and programming instructions. For additional meter operation and programming information, refer to your meter's *Installation and Operation Manual* and the *Communicator PQA™*, *MeterManagerPQA™*, and *EnergyPQA.com™* Software User Manual on EIG's website:

**User Manual:**

<https://www.electroind.com/products/nexus-1500-power-quality-meter-with-phasor-measurement-unit/>

From the webpage, click Technical Documents>User Manual.

**Software Manual:**

<https://www.electroind.com/products/communicatorpqa-power-monitoring-software/>

From the webpage, click Technical Documents>User Manual.

**CommunicatorPQA™ Setup Software:**

<https://www.electroind.com/products/communicatorpqa-power-monitoring-software/>

From the webpage, click Download CompQA Pro. To get a Professional license for the software, email [sales@electroind.com](mailto:sales@electroind.com) or call 516-334-0870.

All EIG's metering and software products' literature can be accessed from:

<https://www.electroind.com/power-metering-products/>

For software and metering integration, EIG's Technical Support Engineers are available on an hourly or daily basis to help with typical commissioning assistance, which includes:

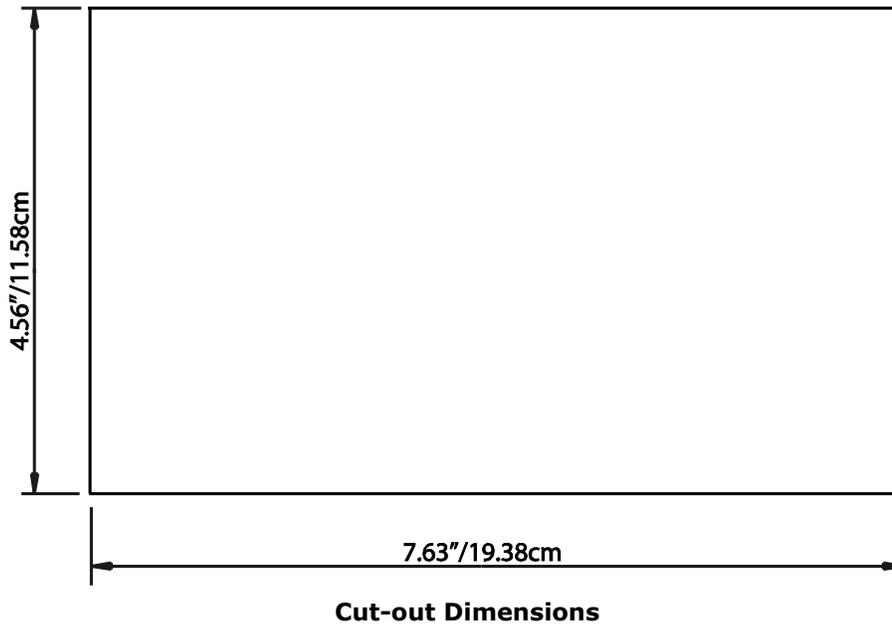
- Verifying meter installation and wiring.
- Verifying proper system integration.
- Working with 3rd parties to ensure cross compatibility.
- Advising users on best practices for optimal implementation.

You can reach Technical Support from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday, at 516-334-0870.

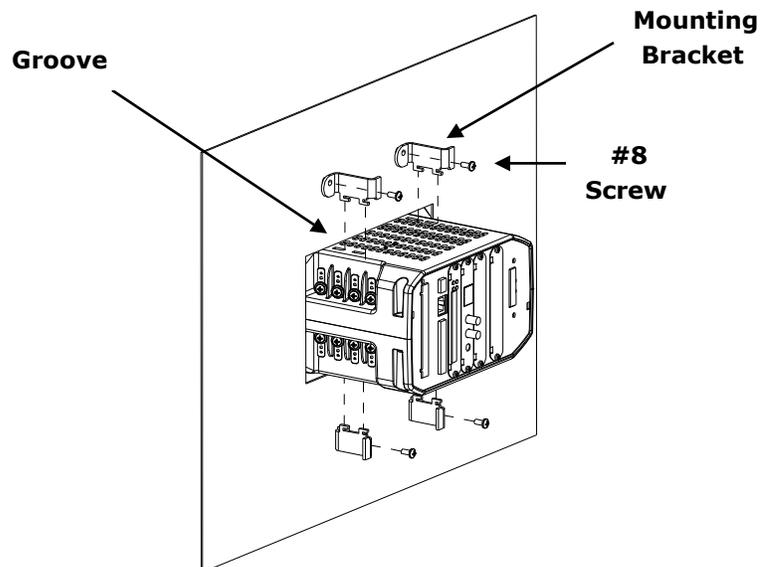
## Mechanical Installation

1. Slide the meter into the panel's cut-out. (See the diagram shown below. You can use either an octagonal or a rectangular cut-out.)

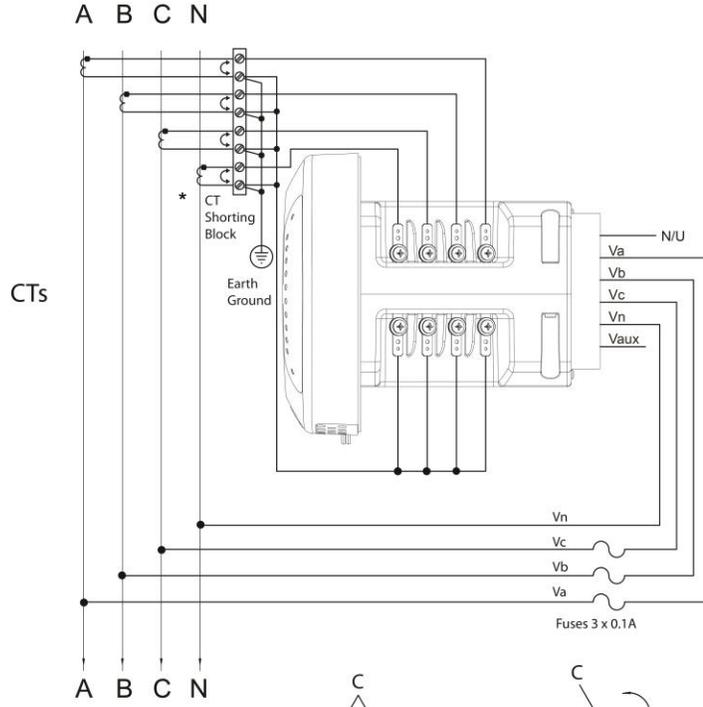
**NOTE: You can also mount the meter vertically.**



2. From the back of the panel, slide the 4 Mounting Brackets into the grooves on the top and bottom of the meter housing - 2 fit on the top and 2 fit on the bottom.
3. Snap the Mounting Brackets into place.
4. Secure the meter to the panel with a lock washer and a #8 screw in each of the 4 mounting brackets.
5. Tighten the screws with a #2 Philips screwdriver. Do not over-tighten - maximum torque is 3.5 Lb-In.

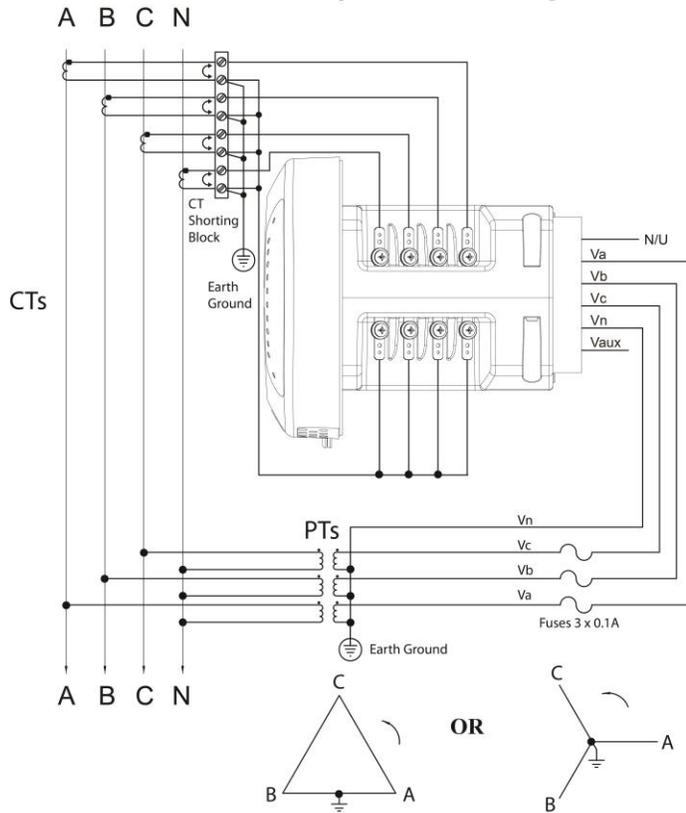
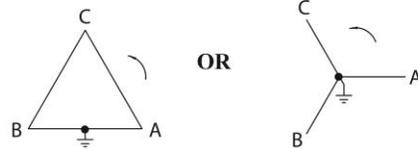


**Electrical Installation (See the meter's Installation and Operation manual for additional wiring configurations.)**

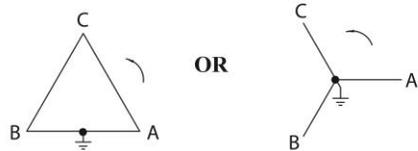


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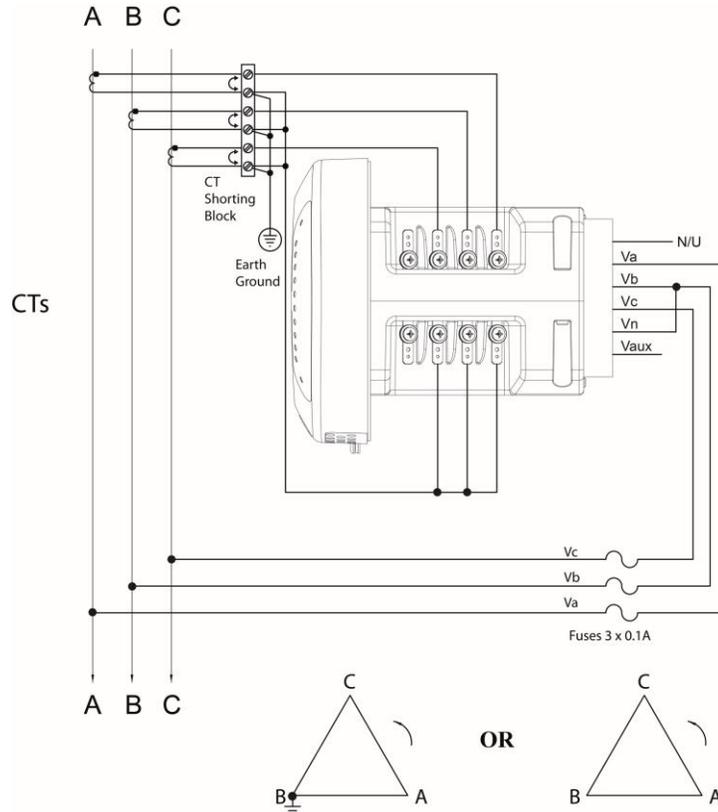
\* Optional CT for Current Measurement Only



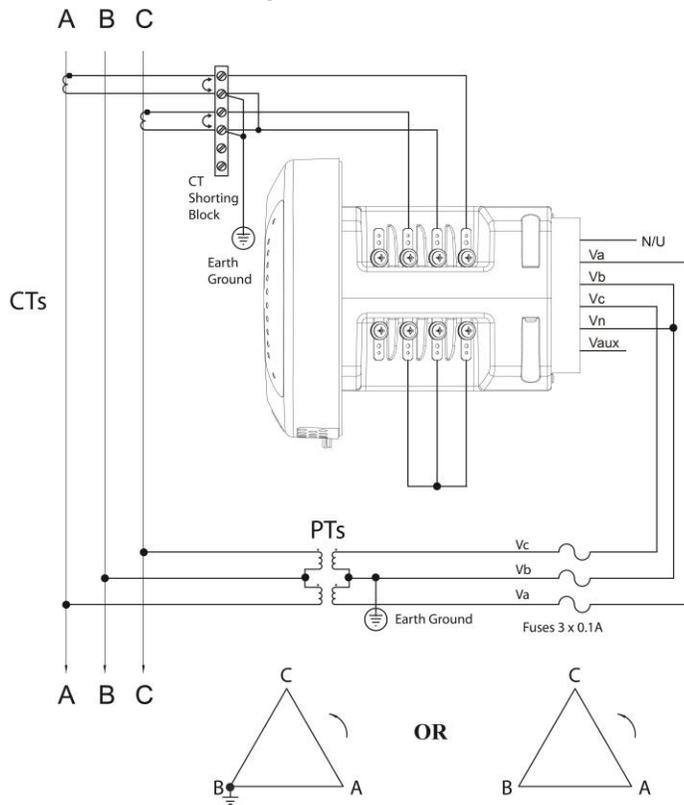
**WYE or DELTA with PTs 3 Phase,  
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**DELTA Direct 3 Phase, 3-wire**



**DELTA with PTs, 3 Phase, 3-wire**



### Power Supply Connections

Wire gauge: 12-18 AWG for either solid or stranded wire  
 Torque: 3.5 Lb-In  
 Branch circuit protection size should be 15 A.

The Nexus® 1500+ meter requires a separate power source. There are three control power options: 115AC, D2 high-voltage, and D low-voltage.



**CAUTION!** The power supply voltage and connections vary depending on the power supply Option being used. **CAREFULLY** follow the instructions and drawings for proper wiring.

**For all three power supply options, add a properly voltage-rated, 4 A, time-delayed (slow blow) fuse in the power supply feed, for example, UL approved Littelfuse® part number FLQ4.**

For the 115AC and D2 Option power supplies:

1. Connect the line supply wire to the L+ terminal.
2. Connect the neutral supply wire to the N(-) terminal.
3. Connect earth ground to the PE GND terminal.

115AC/D2 Power Supply Connection



For the D Option power supply:

1. Connect the negative voltage to the V(-) terminal.
2. Connect the positive voltage to the V(+) terminal.
3. Connect earth ground to the PE GND terminal.

D Power Supply Connection



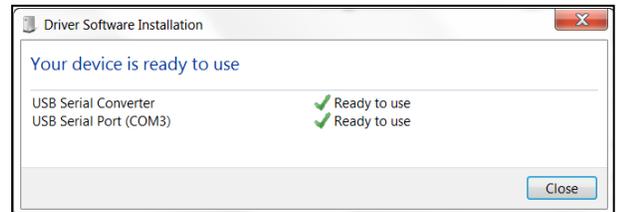
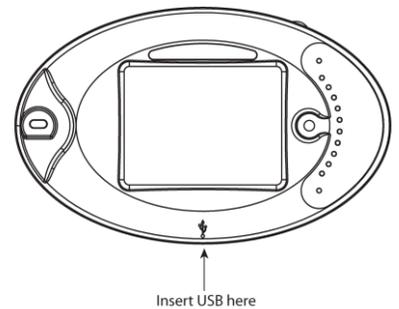
### Programming the Nexus® 1500+ Meter Using the USB Virtual Com Port

#### Connecting your PC to the Meter

1. Attach a USB cable from your PC's USB port to the meter's front panel USB port. The meter's USB port uses a USB Type B plug.

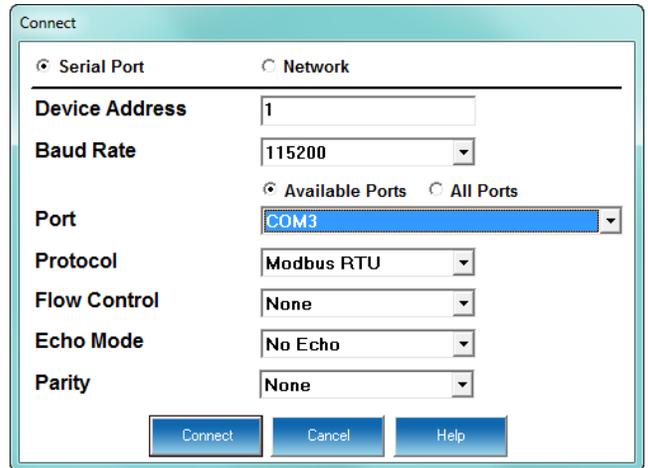


2. Windows® 7 and above operating systems install the USB driver and display the screen shown on the right. Make note of the Com port being used.



**Connecting to the Meter via Software**

1. Open CommunicatorPQA™ software (see page QS-1 for download instructions).
2. Click the **Connect** icon on the Tool Bar. You will see the Connect screen.
3. Click Serial Port.
4. Select Baud rate of 115200.
5. Select the Port that is the USB Virtual Com port.
6. Click **Connect**. You will see the Device Status screen.
7. Click **OK**. You will see the Main CommunicatorPQA™ software screen.

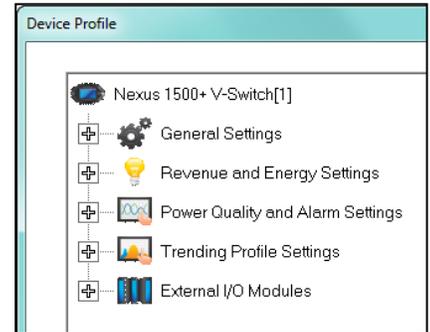


**Configuring the Meter via Software**

Click the **Profile** icon on the Icon Bar. You will see the Device Profile screen.



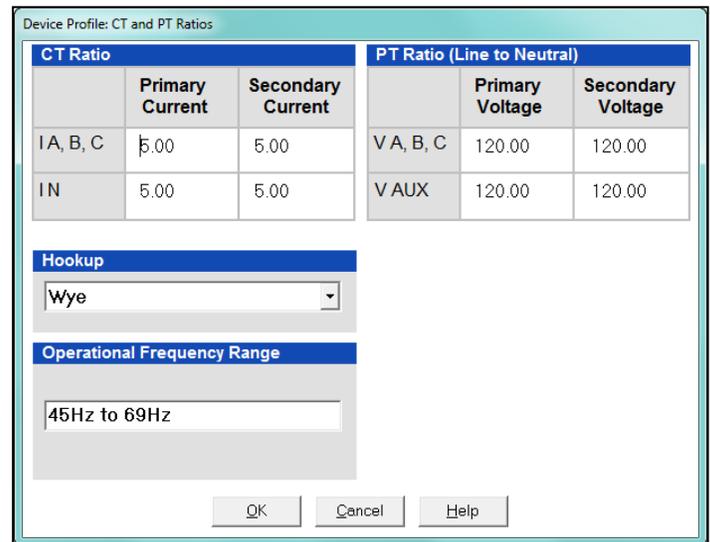
**NOTE:** Instructions for a few basic settings are given in this Quickstart Guide. For more information, download the manual from EIG’s website (see page QS-1) or click **Help>Contents** from the Title Bar of the CommunicatorPQA™ application’s Main screen, to view the *CommunicatorPQA™*, *MeterManagerPQA™*, and *EnergyPQA.com™ Software User Manual*.



**CT, PT Ratios and System Hookup**

From the Device Profile screen, double-click **General Settings>CT, PT Ratios and System Hookup**. The current settings are shown on the screen.

1. Double-click one of the settings to open the CT and PT Ratios screen, shown below.
2. You can enter CT and PT Ratios and select Hookup from the pull-down menu. Click **Help** to view instructions for configuring these settings.
3. Click **OK** to close the screen. Click **Update Device** from the Device Profile screen to save your settings.



**Example CT Settings:**

200/5 Amps: set the Primary Current value as 200.00; set the Secondary Current value as 5.00.

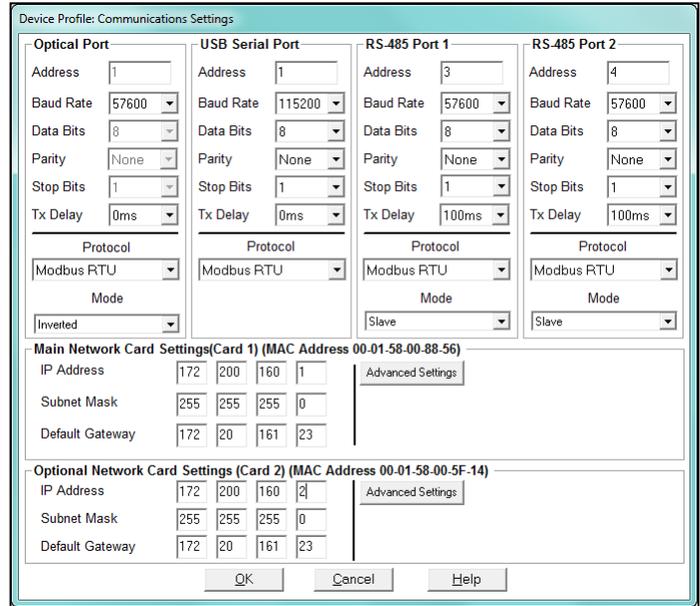
**Example PT Settings:**

14400/120 Volts: set the Primary Voltage value as 14400.00; set the Secondary Voltage as 120.00.

**Communication Settings**

1. From the Device Profile screen, double-click **General Settings>Communications**. The current settings for the meter’s Ports are shown on the screen.
2. Double-click one of the Port settings to open the **Communications** screen, shown above.
3. You can configure the settings for all four Communication Ports, as well as the two Network Cards. Click **Help** to view instructions for configuring these settings.
4. Click **OK** to close the screen. Click **Update Device** from the **Device Profile** screen to save your settings.

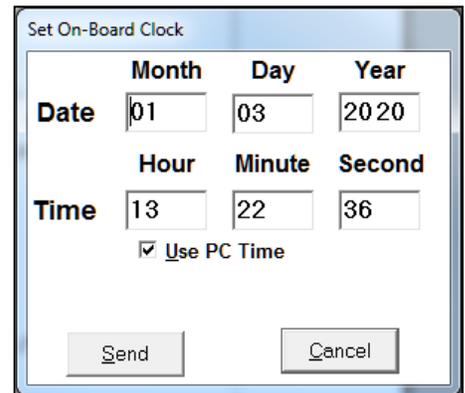
**NOTE:** You can also use the standard or optional Ethernet ports, the optional RS485 ports, or the ANSI optical port to connect to and configure the Nexus® 1500+ meter. See the meter’s manual (see page QS-1), and the software manual (click Help>Contents from the CommunicatorPQA™ application’s Main screen).



**Program Meter Time**

The meter is preset to United States Eastern time. To change the meter time:

1. From the Main screen’s Title bar, click **Tools>Set Device Time**.
2. You can either enter the time in the Time fields or click Use PC Time to match the meter time with the PC time.
3. Click **Send**.

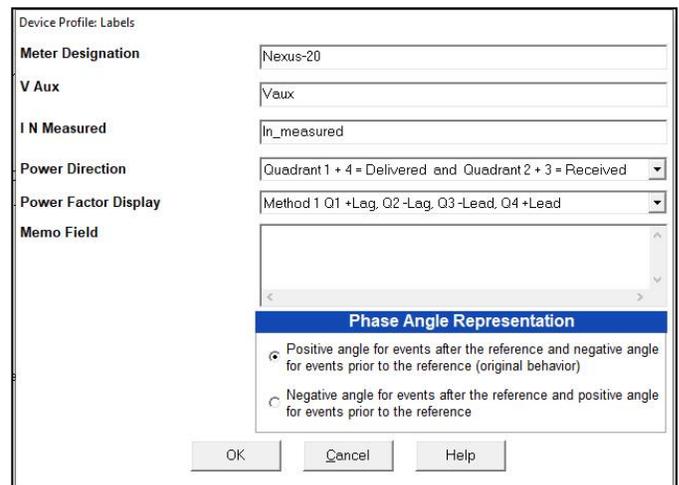


**Program Meter Name**

The meter’s name is used in database files and report titles. To give the meter a unique name:

1. From the meter’s Device Profile screen, click **General Settings>Labels**, and then double-click on one of the lines underneath to open the Labels screen.
2. Enter a name for the meter in the Meter Designation field.
3. Click **OK**.

**IMPORTANT!** When you have made changes to the meter’s Device Profile, click Update Device at the bottom of the Device Profile screen, to send the new settings to the meter. The meter will reboot and then you can reconnect to it.



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