

Tigo EI Inverter

Support for Multi-Inverter Commissioning in PPL Electric Utility via Unique Modbus ID

Background

To enable multi-inverter installations in the PPL (Pennsylvania) utility territory, each inverter in the system must be individually addressable by a Utility Control Device (UCD). This requires assigning a unique Modbus ID to each inverter.

Previously, only single-inverter systems were supported due to the inability to differentiate communication with multiple inverters. With this release, the system now supports multi-inverter configurations, allowing the UCD to independently communicate with each inverter in the multi-inverter system.

Note: The CCA must be updated to the latest firmware.

Commissioning Steps Using the EI Mobile App

- 1. The installer physically installs all EI Inverters.
- 2. Launches the EI Mobile App and discovers each inverter.
- 3. Connect each inverter to Wi-Fi.
- 4. Complete all required firmware updates.
- 5. Navigate to: **Utility Control Devices > PPL**.
- 6. The app displays a list of all EI Inverters in the system.
- 7. The installer clicks the "Assign IDs for All" button, which auto-generates and assigns unique IDs to all devices and sends the required commands.
- 8. The IDs are automatically generated, and users cannot manually change or set them.
- 9. Once IDs are assigned successfully, the "Assign IDs for All" button becomes grayed out.
- 10. Commissioning proceeds as normal.



The following screenshots illustrate the step-by-step process in the Tigo EI Mobile App for commissioning a multi-inverter system in the PPL utility region:



Figure 1: Navigating to Utility Control Devices

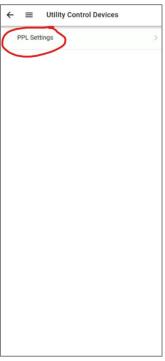


Figure 2: Select "PPL Settings" to configure individual inverter communication.

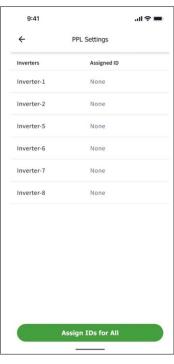


Figure 3: Tap "Assign IDs for All" to automatically assign unique Modbus IDs

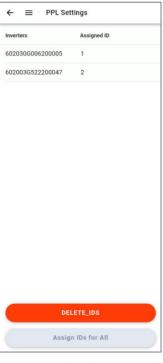


Figure 4: IDs have been assigned

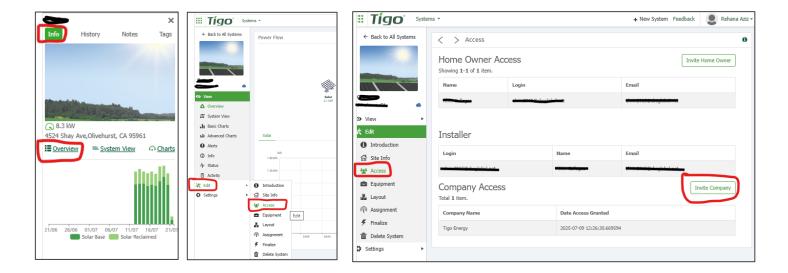


Adding PPL for Fleet Monitoring

Tigo has created a dedicated PPL company account to enable the utility team to monitor and manage their fleet of systems.

Installer Action – Post Commissioning:

- 1. **Log into the Tigo EI Portal** with your installer credentials.
- 2. Navigate to: **Info** \rightarrow **Overview** \rightarrow **Edit** \rightarrow **Access**.
- 3. Click Add Company.
- 4. Enter the PPL email: euderlab@pplweb.com
- 5. Submit the request.



PPL Access & On-Site Actions

Once access is granted, the PPL team will receive an **email invitation** to accept system access. After accepting:

- PPL will be able to remotely monitor and manage systems.
- When visiting a site, they can **verify if Modbus IDs were assigned** during commissioning.
- If not assigned, **PPL can assign unique Modbus IDs directly** via the EI Mobile App (same steps as above).
- This ensures system compliance and enables UCD operation.