

# Badger® ORION® Gas

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**Catch A Rising Star with** Badger<sup>®</sup> ORION<sup>®</sup> AMR/AMI for Gas Meters

### **Flexibility is The Key!**

ORION is Badger Meter's most flexible automatic meter reading (AMR) system for gas utilities. Developed as a state-of-the-art Radio Frequency (RF) system, ORION utilizes bubble up (broadcast) technology, which eliminates the need for FCC licensing.

Built upon a mobile system platform, ORION provides features of a premier mobile AMR system plus the additional benefit of being able to integrate to Powerline Carrier, Broadband over Powerline, wireless data communications networks, Wi-Fi, and other emerging technology networks. This flexibility results in seamless transition of ORION mobile AMR to network solutions and allows utilities to build upon their ORION system to meet their current and future needs.



### Integral Transmitter for Gas Meters

The Badger® ORION® Integral Transmitter for gas meters is a totally integrated unit compatible with popular gas meters and volume correctors. It easily mounts directly on the gas meter using a custom adapter plate, and has an unobtrusive profile and durable thermo-engineered polymer housing. For long-term reliability, the electronics and battery are completely encapsulated to protect them from the elements. During installation, the transmitter is programmed with the current gas meter reading so that the account history is maintained. It encodes and transmits the gas meter reading, meter identification number, and tamper information.

Since ORION transmitters are designed for multi-utility applications, all the various data collection devices from Badger, our Alliance Partners, and the Badger® READCENTER® system are fully compatible.

Other ORION® Modules. Badger's Remote ORION for pulsed outputs is compatible with rotary and turbine meters and volume correctors that provide a pulsed output of the meter reading. Badger's Remote ORION with the Gas RT can be used with any meter in which the drive dial is accessible and the index cover can easily be removed (not recommended for tin and iron case meters). The Gas RT mounts to the face of the index cover directly over the drive dial and provides a digital signal to the transmitter.

### **Data Profile Option**

The Badger® ORION® Data Profile option is just the thing for taking an in-depth look at gas usage patterns over time. Over 21,000 readings with tamper alerts can be saved in user-programmable intervals, providing additional information on gas usage. It's the ideal tool for addressing customer service issues, billing complaints, meter sizing studies and more.

### **Seamless Solutions from Built-In Flexibility**

Industry experts predict the future trend of AMR is leaning more and more towards flexible hybrid solutions compatible with the array of wireless network options available now and into the future. Our customers can rest assured that the AMR choice they make today with Badger<sup>®</sup> ORION<sup>®</sup> is not only an excellent choice in mobile AMR technology, but is also the right choice for future migration into emerging networks.

#### **The Clear Advantage**

- No FCC license required. Uses bubble-up (broadcast) technology.
- Tamper and no usage notification provides tools necessary to manage the utility's system.
- Data Profile Option with 21,000 historical data points to evaluate usage patterns (2.3 years of hourly data).
- Fast and easy transmitter installation.
- ORION integral module meets Class I Div 1 requirements.
- Suitable for indoor and outdoor applications. Functional temperature range from -40°C to +60°C (-40°F to +140°F).

### **Public Wireless Network Partners**

● Sprint<sup>®</sup>/Nextel<sup>®</sup> ● Tropos<sup>™</sup> ● Motorola<sup>®</sup> ● SkyPilot<sup>™</sup>

### **ORION GATEWAY Receiver**

Badger Meter has developed an innovative hybrid receiver product that allows a utility to migrate seamlessly from a walk-by or drive-by ORION solution to a network Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system or to selectively read the most important meters in their system remotely through the ORION Gateway Receiver. Our hybrid receiver provides connectivity to various network backhauls such as Cellular, Wi-Fi, or LAN, providing true flexibility.



ORION GATEWAY Receiver

Badger<sup>®</sup> ORION<sup>®</sup> mobile data collector





## **READCENTER®** Reading Data Management Software

### READCENTER Reading Data Management Software

Badger<sup>®</sup> READCENTER<sup>®</sup> is an easy-to-use Windows<sup>®</sup>-based reading data management software program developed specifically for utilities. With its unique design, READCENTER software supports all Badger<sup>®</sup> meter reading systems. These systems provide utilities with a seamless migration path to manage the most appropriate data management requirements, based on the reading data needs of both the utility and the end gas customer.





#### **Flexible Hybrid Solution**

Badger<sup>®</sup> READCENTER software provides a flexible hybrid solution for your meter reading and data information needs today and into the future. Your current Badger meter reading system can be upgraded or combined with other Badger technologies, all operating on the same versatile READCENTER software platform. There is no need to learn or integrate another piece of software into your utility operation. Your future migration path is seamless with READCENTER Reading Data Management Software.



## **READCENTER Benefits**

- Supports automated processing of the reading cycle, making the procedure more streamlined and efficient for the software operator.
- Provides a custom software configuration, making the Badger<sup>®</sup> READCENTER<sup>®</sup> system simple to operate by activating only those screens and features that are required for each specific utility installation.
- Utilizes industry standard SQL Database that organizes reading information based on individual accounts for reporting and customer service purposes.
- Provides the flexibility to easily integrate READCENTER software into multiple billing interface files, offering utilities a seamless migration path without having to modify data sent to and from your utility billing software.

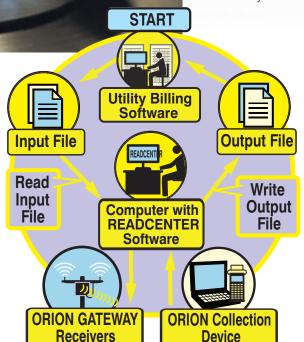
## **ORION®** Data Flow through Billing

To complete the billing process, Badger's READCENTER Software provides a simple interface to utility billing software. It also provides a suite of premium reports to help better manage a utility's daily utility operations. However, should you require a unique report designed specifically for your utility, custom reporting capabilities are built right into the software. No third-party report generator software is needed.

Badger's reading data management software, READCENTER, provides the utility with one single platform for all their reading methods:

- ORION Hybrid Network AMI
- ORION Mobile AMR

Hybrid or mixed technology systems are readily supported through READCENTER software. It's the data that matters. Few manufacturers provide this degree of flexibility.



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## **Multi-Utility Alliance Partner Solutions**

### Maximize ORION System Performance with Badger's Multi-Utility Partner Solutions



Badger strives to build future flexibility into all of its technology offerings. To accomplish this, Badger Meter has developed close alliances with electric AMI industry leaders in various network technology sectors. Our alliances with these network leaders allow ORION's gas transmitters to easily migrate from a mobile AMR system into a multitude of electric AMI network solutions, with no changes or reprogramming needed to the gas transmitters already installed in the field. Now, combined utilities can have the best-in-class AMI solutions for gas and electric by choosing Badger<sup>®</sup> ORION<sup>®</sup> and one of our valued alliance partners. Badger's Multi-Utility Alliance Partner Solutions offer seamless electric AMI network migration paths.

#### **Multi-Utility AMI Alliances**

- Wireless Data Communications Networks Tantalus
- Powerline Carrier Landis+Gyr and Aclara<sup>™</sup>
- Broadband Over Powerline BPL CURRENT Group, LLC

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• Public Wireless Backhaul – SmartSynch®

## **Support Services**



### **Badger Support Services**

Badger Meter provides a variety of support and services to ensure that your organization maximizes the value it derives from your investment in Badger's meter reading systems and software.

### **TRAINING SUPPORT**

Badger Training Support offers you a wide range of learning opportunities to optimize your use of Badger<sup>®</sup> meter reading systems. Your attendance at one of our courses will help you provide greater value to your organization and further develop your own skills. Choose what best fits your needs:

- Courses taught at our training facility in Milwaukee.
- Customized training to meet your organization's specific requirements.
- On-site, one-on-one standardized training at your location.
- Live instruction via the Web for individuals or groups.

### **FIELD SUPPORT**

Badger Field Support provides system expertise, installation and project management services to help you upgrade your metering system. We specialize in infrastructure layout to optimize your AMI fixed network system installation to ensure peak performance.

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Badger's Technical Support group provides you with the resources and technical assistance necessary to maximize your Badger Meter investments. Badger's Technical Support phone assistance is available 24 hours a day.

Our objectives are:

- To respond to customer inquiries in the shortest time possible.
- To encourage customers to use our meters, meter reading systems and software efficiently.
- To keep customers informed of software updates in a clear and timely way.
- To provide a centralized repository of all customer call information to be used by other Badger Technical Support and Services Representatives when assisting our customers.



## **Ready to Serve You**

#### Technical Support (24-Hour Service) 1-800-456-5023

Badger professionals can answer your questions, providing prompt technical assistance for BMI solutions.

## Customer Service (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM / U.S.Central Time) 1-800-616-3837

Knowledgeable Badger staff supports you every step of the way in the ordering process. From general product applications to order placement to meet your individual needs.

Check out our web site for detailed specifications and literature for our entire product line which includes an interactive video detailing the features, benefits and principles of operation of each product.

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