



#### Webinar for Michigan Stakeholders

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# NEER Project Partners















### Operating Rules & Roadmap Project

• Supporting project partners:





Additional project support provided by:







# Webinar Objectives

- Explore National Energy Efficiency Registry (NEER) benefits
- Discuss its potential applications and utility in Michigan
- Obtain stakeholder feedback







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#### About the NEER

- → Central repository allowing the public and private sectors to transparently track attributes associated with energy waste reduction initiatives
- → Policy neutral
- → Built on best practice
  - Registry design
  - Accounting and reporting protocols
- → Will help states demonstrate progress towards energy goals and potential compliance with existing and future regulation
- → Will be able to track energy waste reduction and other types of efforts



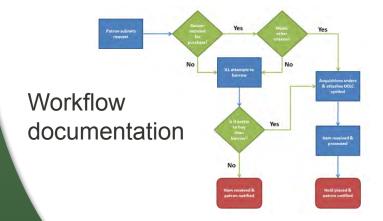
# **NEER** = Tool (Not a Policy)

#### → NEER will be a software platform



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Compliance Reporting



### **NEER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**



### **NEER Development Elements**

Principles and operating rules + roadmap for states

Sector-specific protocol database for states and programs



Software functional requirements

Software launch and administration

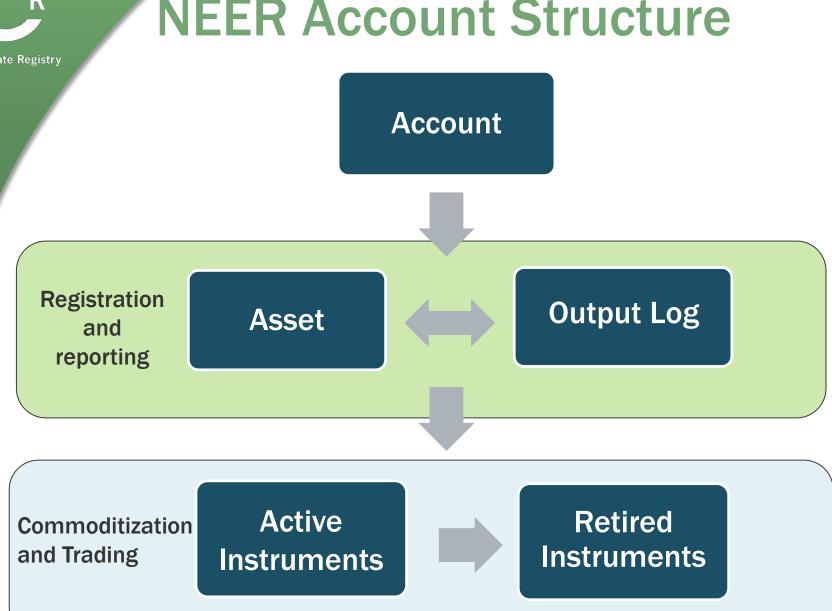




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#### **NEER Account Structure**





# Energy Waste Reduction Registration & Reporting is COMPLICATED



- → Inspection of installation
- → Prove ownership
- → Prove no double counting
- → EM&V Plans
- **→ EM&V Studies**
- → Technical Reference Manuals
- → Third Party Verification

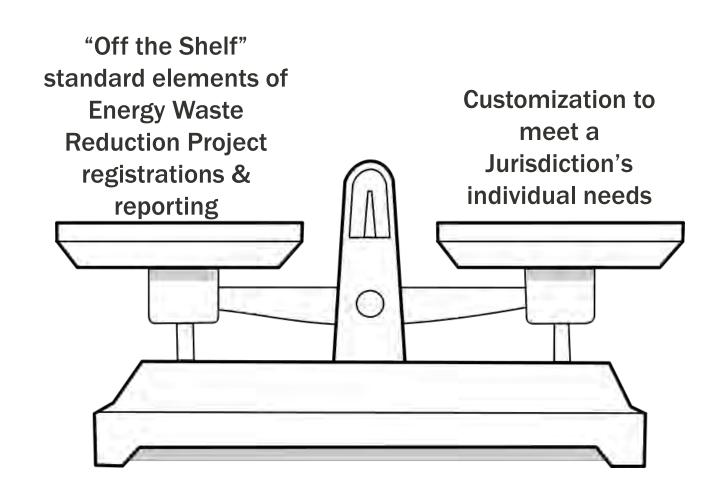


# NEER QA/QC Framework Registration & Reporting

- → Who is authorized to submit, review and approve different documents
- → What documents need to be submitted
- → Where documents are archived
- → When have all the steps been completed and all parties agree the quantity savings number is <u>acceptable</u>



# NEER Value Added: a Digital Platform





### **QA/QC Protocol Options**

#### "Off the Shelf"

- → NEER Basic: minimum standard designed to support voluntary disclosure
- → NEER Enhanced: designed to support regulatory quality evaluation, measurement and verification

#### **Customized**

→ Specific Compliance/Certification Program (SCCP): fully customizable requirements



# Defining SCCP Program Requirements

- → Options for setting up a customized QA/QC Protocol in the NEER
  - A. Adopt NEER Basic or Enhanced
  - B. Use Basic or Enhanced as a starting point for customization such as reference an existing state-specific EM&V approach
  - C. Start from scratch





#### **How NEER Could Work in MI**

**PA342** 

**NEER** 

**Energy Waste Reduction** 

**Avoided Electric Energy** 

**MWh** 

MWh



### PA342 Requirements

#### **NEER Functionality**

Energy waste reduction plan shall be filed with and approved by the commission

→ NEER Asset Registration with MI specific QA/QC requirements

**Energy waste reduction** savings

→ NEER Asset Output Log

**Energy waste reduction** credits

→ NEER Certificates



# **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**



# Registration and Reporting

#### Poll Question #1: Cost/Payment Structure

What type of cost structure would your organization like to see for an energy waste reduction credit certification and tracking program, such as NEER, in Michigan?

- A. Fee per MWh
- B. Fix Fee per program,
- C. Fix Fee for Registration and volume fee for Reporting
- D. Other



# Information Confidentiality NEER Proposal

- → Client Jurisdictions may request compliance reports to be publicly available
- → Business Confidential Information will include
  - Asset Output of each Asset
  - The amount and timing of the specific Instrument transfers from one NEER-AH to another



# Information Confidentiality NEER Proposal

#### Poll Question #2

- → Would the proposed definition of business confidential information address your organization's confidentiality concerns about participating in NEER?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Unsure



# Verification of Energy Waste Reduction

#### Poll Question #3:

- → How would your organization view a third party verification requirement?
  - A. No problem
  - **B.** Potentially problematic
  - C. Prohibitive



### Interoperability

- → PA342 requires a method for ensuring that each energy waste reduction credit substituted for a REC is properly accounted for
- → National Renewable Energy Facility (NREF) supports imports and exports between registries
  - Process includes continuous automated reconciliation limited operational support needed
  - Transferred must be approved by recipient before it becomes final
  - Each registry has different rules for what can be imported and what data has to be transferred



# **Customizable Reports**

- → PA342 requires utilities to submit annual reports
- → MI Template
  - Could design reporting template to meet PA 342 requirements
  - NEER data can be automatically aggregated annually



# NEER Development: Next Steps

- → Public comment period
  - April 2017 May 2017
- → Roadmap for State Adoption
  - September 2017
- → Key functional platform requirements
  - October 2017

- → Questions?
  - Email rcassutt@theclimateregistry.org



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# Thank you

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