# 1547-2018 Update

GET IT DONE!

Adoption of IEEE 1547-2018/UL 1741 SB is continuing at an accelerating pace in North America. For example:

- Washington, DC adopted 1547-2018 in 2022, subject to the availability of certified products;
- Hawaii started accepting only UL 1741 SB-certified inverters in February of 2023;
- Massachusetts started requiring UL 1741 SB in 2023, and ISO New England is likely to follow Massachusetts;
- Maryland requires UL 1741 SB starting January 2024;
- New York and Philadelphia have adopted 1547-2018;
- Texas has started the IEEE 1547-2018 adoption process;
- And the industry is rapidly completing certification of UL 1741 SB inverters, with over 100 specific inverters certified as of July 2023.

## FERC Order 2222

### Four primary categories for successful implementation

- 1. Legislative/Regulatory to enable (On-going for next several years)
  - Includes things like permitting (SolarAPP+), standards adoption (1547-2018) and interconnection process/administration (PowerClerk) and many more (metering, telemetry, governance of aggregators, dual registration, etc.)
  - Phased/Tiered MO LBNL report is a great framework to consider implementation
- 2. DER Administration, Data Sharing and Retail/Market enrollment for DER Aggregations DER Registry (Needed now)
- DER Operational Coordination NREL PRECISE (Needed in a couple of years for most areas) –
- 4. Settlement (Needed in a couple of years for most areas)

# Reframing how we think about FERC 2222

#### 2222 is a mammoth opportunity for our industry – Not a burden

- By having all of industry attack this issue simultaneously, we have the unique opportunity to develop collaborative solutions at a much lower cost than 3000+ utilities doing it ad hoc.
- We see 4 primary opportunities in this 2222 implementation process
- 1. Non-Profit DER Registry is first example. Estimated savings to industry \$20-\$40 billion in next 10 years.
- 2. CIM-inspired data structures could lead to another \$100B of savings by recognizing that DERs are the new player and if CIM APIs exist from registry to all other CIM structures (and thus utility systems). The onus shifts from the utility industry to the vendor industry to create CIM APIs to known data structures. This would lead to the elimination all software integration costs to enable DERs to the grid and market as well drive a broader implementation of CIM with the same benefits to all other utility system interfaces. (UK example and DOE project) This fundamentally speeds up the innovation cycle across our entire industry.
- 3. Meter/Settlement if done 'Right' could lead to another \$75B of savings and simplify 2222 implementation for meter data sharing and settlement
- 4. Common Communication Systems Consumers are paying for multiple overlapping networks for Gas, Water and Electric communication systems for AMI and operations. Isn't it time for these utilities to work together on one shared cost infrastructure? Isn't it time for utilities across your state to work together on a combined solution for all?

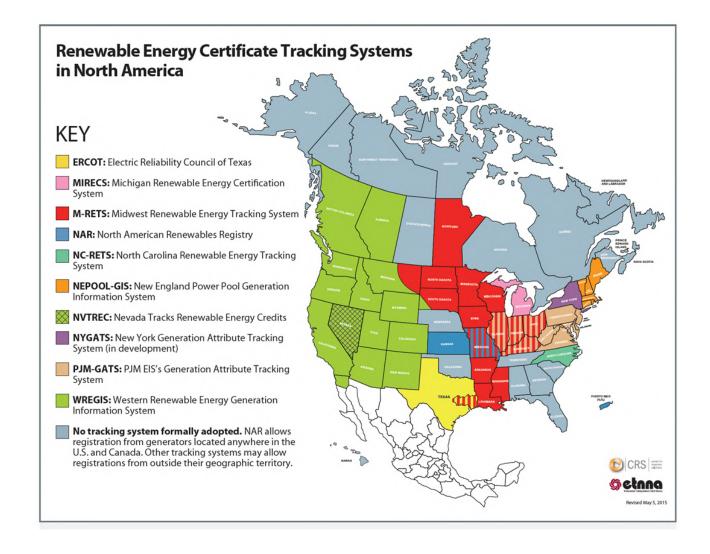
### A step in the right direction – Partial Collaboration with REC Tracking Systems

Dozens of REC tracking programs initially. 11 made it to the mainstream

Many states forced to use multiple systems across different ISO's.

The Non-Profit DER Registry is an opportunity to fully collaborate. Allowing us to skip over years of ad hoc development, implementation and confusion.

In addition, AI will soon give us enormous power to marshal DER resources. But that can only happen efficiently if the data is accurate, and consistent/normalized across multiple systems. The resulting ecosystem would provide the requisite situational awareness that otherwise eludes multiple parties that need it.



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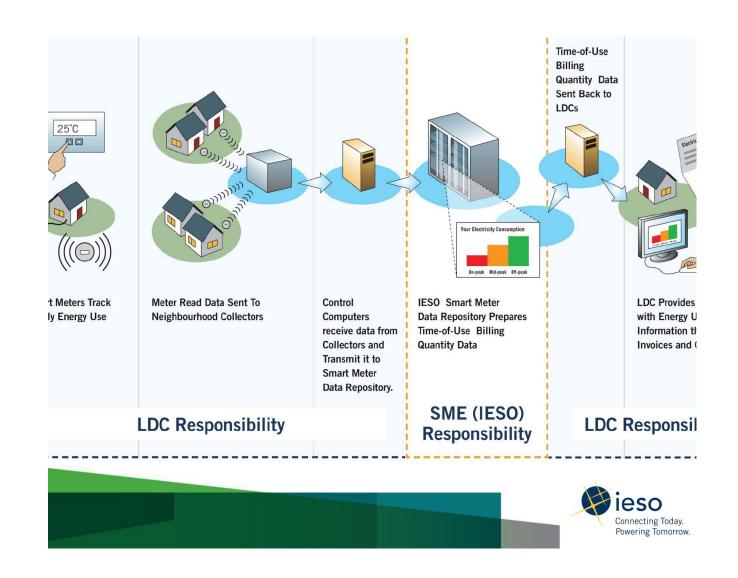
### Meter/Settlement Savings Example

Smart Meter Texas did it wrong! They made a 'mirror' and doubled costs by having utilities continue storing data and also creating a second 'open data repository'.

Ontario did it RIGHT! Distribution utilities manage their meters and head end collection systems, but the ISO runs the only data repository.

Dramatic cost reduction in compute, storage and personnel/outsourcing costs in Ontario's structure. Provides fair access to data based on RERRA approval.

2222 sets the stage for states to do this "Right" versus the way it has always been done.



# Need Regulatory Leadership

- History of the world Heavily regulated industries rely on policy direction/innovation, not industry innovation. Nothing is going to change without regulatory vision to require the change.
- DERs (especially EVs) currently present major challenges (and opportunities!) to existing utility business and regulatory models.
- Implementation of 2222 is the single biggest opportunity of 'our lifetime' for meaningful impact across the entire industry to lower cost, improve resiliency and take advantage of these new clean energy resources called DERs.
- Opportunity for collaboration vs ad hoc implementation could result in billions of dollars of savings for our industry and consumers vs. business as usual.
- But it will come down to state commissions directing these actions and your leadership is paramount in the next 3 years.
- And, by the way, every software vendor will fight to do it their way and keep their 'cash cow' utility business intact. And, every utility will provide the million reasons they need their own dedicated system because they are 'unique'.

# Collaborative Non-Profit DER Registry Briefing

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Deliver a national collaborative DER registration system, saving billions of dollars for our industry and customers

Implement standardized and secure data exchanges, enabling information sharing and easing regulatory reporting.

Empower the Energy Transition
Through

Simplification and Collaboration

Automated DER & DERA policy enforcement and approvals for both retail programs and market products

Provide leadership and education from board and industry experts, preparing everyone for a DER enabled future

# What is our purpose at Collaborative Utility Solutions (CUS) and Creation Energy (CE)?

The very foundation of the entire electricity model is shifting from a central station generation model to a distributed generation model. To successfully transition to this model and benefit customers and the grid, we must effectively collaborate across all industry segments and stakeholders. Therefore, our goal for CUS and CE is:

### **EMPOWERING THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

The core of our mission – to advance and support the electric industry by developing, enhancing access to, and enabling data and technology regarding Distributed Energy Resources to support a clean energy future.

# DERs Are Not Well Understood

- Many view DERs as a problem instead of a potential solution.
- Use Cases for DER applications in grid and markets are limited and inconsistent across the world.
- Standards (IEEE 1547-2018, UL 1741 SA & SB and IEEE 2800) are not being adopted consistently. Therefore, the industry does not have a common frame of reference for Use Case development of these resources, and this leads to 'inadequate' resources continuing to be deployed into our grid systems.
- Terminology not 'standard' What's a DER (Who's definition? Market, Reliability or other?) NERC U-DER and R-DER not mainstream yet.
- Expected penetration rates for DERs vary widely based on the vendor, utility, ISO, or agency model. This is creating inconsistent 'urgency' to adequately characterize and integrate DERs into the grid and markets.
- Regions like Australia, Germany, Ireland, California and Texas that have high penetrations of DERs/IBRs have experienced cascading outages and have identified a Registry as the key component to help resolve issues.

### DER Initiatives Around the World

Immense amount of activity you should be aware of to eliminate redundancy

#### FERC

- 2222 Ruling and ISO DER Working Groups (Dozens of State Regulatory dockets opened)
- RM22-12 DER Data and Modeling
- First Use Policy
- 719 Removal of Opt-out Discussions

#### DOE

- Joint Project with NARUC on DER data needs
- DER Services list/matrix
- Grid Codes for DERs

#### Australia

- Inverter potential replacement
- Implementation of first DER Registry
- Instantaneous Renewable Energy over 90%, moving to 100%, grid implications

#### EU

Registry Standard

# DER Initiatives Around the World (cont)

Immense amount of activity you should be aware of to eliminate redundancy

#### **NARUC**

- Joint Initiative with DOE on DER data
- Joint Initiative with NASEO DER Integration and Compensation (DERIC)\*\*

#### **NAESB**

• 2023 WEQ Plan

#### **NERC**

- RM22-12 Interaction with existing SAR processes on DER Data needs for reliability
- The Reliability Guideline: Modeling DER in Dynamic Load Models, published in December 2016.
- The Reliability Guideline: Distributed Energy Resource Modeling, published in September 2017.
- The Reliability Guideline: Parameterization of the DER A Model, published in September 2019.
- Cyber Security for Distributed Energy Resources and DER Aggregators published in December 2022.
- SPIDERWG

#### **IEA**

Unlocking the Potential of Distributed Energy Resources

#### DOE OE – Distribution Transformation Project

- Aggregator Code of Conduct
- Contractual Mechanism to resolve Governance/Oversight Issues without Legislative process

And many more . . .

# #1 Issue Discussed: State Governance/Oversight of Aggregator

### **Distribution Aggregation Services Contract Structure**

### MO LBNL Report 'Tiered Approach'

- Tier 1 Bi-lateral Contract/Code of Conduct
- Tier 2 Aggregator as 'public utility' with Commission defined scope of regulation
- Tier 3 Legislation/Regulation





# Collaboration Must Increase

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

We have the opportunity to get in front of this and simplify through collaboration

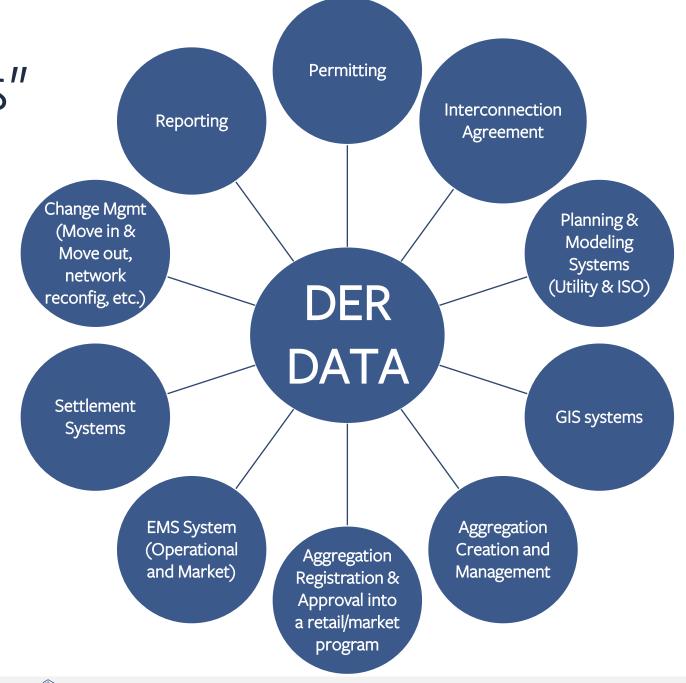
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DER Data "Uses"

Isolated Efforts by any single group or function create barriers to successfully enable DERs



# What's in a Registry and Why?



Aggregators Regulator ISO Utility Customer Process must be 'physics based' not 'policy based'. Can't be hung up by naming conventions, market structures, and corporate structures. What is the core data required to enable DERs to make it all work?

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- Requirements pouring in by the dozens/hundreds
- Each major group and their subgroups have their own concepts

# Pre-Competitive **DER** Registry

The Base Data Set required for all stakeholders.

# Shared Data: Enabling DERs through Collaboration

To meet the challenges before it, the industry must know:

WHAT IS IT?

•Solar, wind, battery, EV, mix of several, etc.

•Geospatial coordinates with premise address, utility meter, and Geospatial Interface. Electrical position in the network: Premise-Meter-Transformer-Feeder-Sub-Transmission-ISO Node/Region.

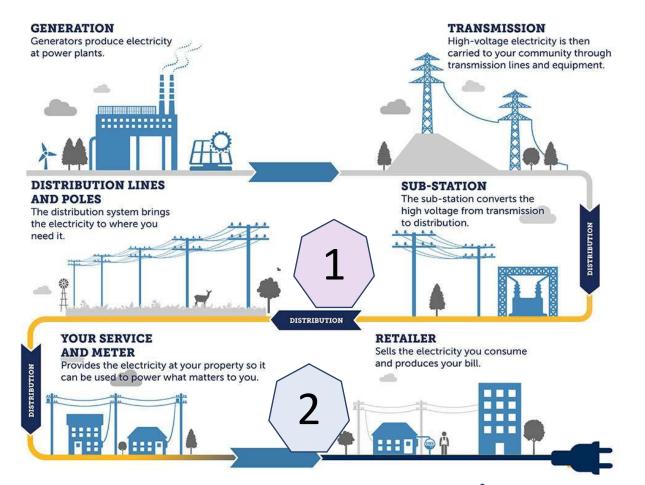
WHAT CAN IT DO?

•Capability and dispatchability.

•Who can register and market?

All stakeholders (Utilities, ISOs, Aggregators, Scheduling Coordinators, Competitive Retail Electric providers, etc.) must have fair and equal access to the data they need based on appropriate regulatory authority oversight which determines which data elements in a registry are available to each stakeholder.

### Three Key Interfaces of Data Exchange for DER



Interface	System Description	Business Description		
1	EHV/Bulk Electric System interface to Distribution System at the Substation	ISO/RTO operations and planning interface to Distribution Utilities at the Substation		
2	Distribution System interface to Premise at the Meter	Utility/Retailer interface to Consumer at the meter		
3	Market Systems	DER Interface to Market and Utility Programs		

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Market/Program



# The Registry must be built with CIM in mind

"déjà vu all over again" – Yogi Berra

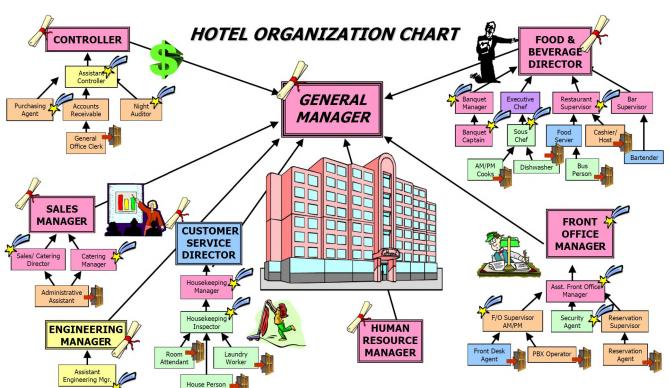
Solving the same exact problem but for millions of generators instead of a few thousand. Will it take us another decade?

The Common Information Model (CIM) was developed as an open standard for representing power system components. CIM was originally developed by EPRI in North America and is now a series of standards under the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

This format has been adopted by the major EMS vendors.

Solving the 'DER Interface' is the exact same issue, just for millions of small generators vs tens of thousands of big generators.

# Why Share Data and Who Makes the Call?



- Makes perfect sense to all of us that the General Manager would want to see all of the data from all groups, right?
- Does it make sense that the Hilton CEO would want to see data from all hotels?
- Does it make sense that key suppliers would have access to some of the data?
- Now think of each hotel like a power plant:
  - Anyone here go through the process of getting groups to share data at a plant? Or across all plants?
  - Or getting different silos of your utility to share data or plan for a common system?
  - Now think of DERs, not personally from where you sit in a part of an organization, but from the overall grid reliability, safety, affordability and sustainability. If you sit in a DSO, you may not want to share your information, but if you sit at NERC or an ISO, you know that you also need that information for overall grid reliability.

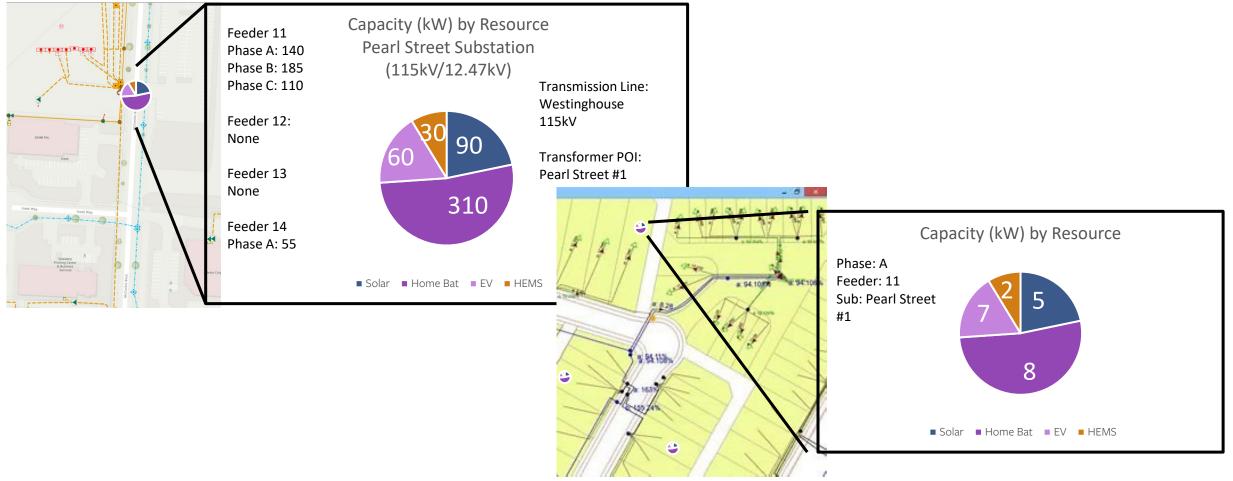
### Data Access

Data Access to the information in the DER Record is determined by each appropriate regulatory authority. The Registry allows this dynamic ability for each regulatory authority to define who shall have access to each data element in the Registry.

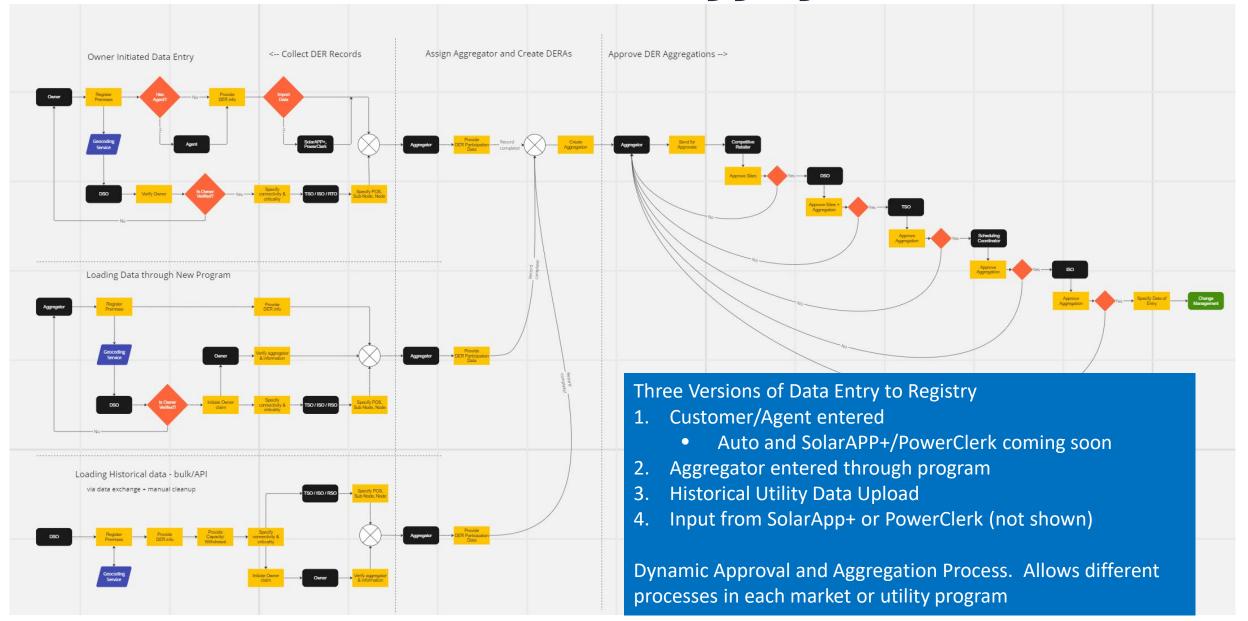
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# GIS capability is needed for visualization

Different stakeholders will have different views, but this graphical interface allows rapid incorporation into grid planning and operational tools through CIM and Esri tools out of the box without custom interface.



### DER Data Collection and DER Aggregation Administration



### DER Registry: End to End Solution

### DER Registration - Complete Administrative Process

What is it?

Where is it?

What can it do?

Who owns it?

### Aggregation

Who is aggregator?

What is aggregation?

What is it registered for with utility retail program and/or market product?

Approval by all required parties.

### Change Management

Grid changes for electrical placement

Change of Aggregators

Change of Aggregations and registration for different utility or market programs

Updated DER info for any premise, Move In/Out

### Reporting

Fully automated reporting.

Eliminating 100% of the time and effort of all utilities, ISO's and stakeholders to report DER information to any regulatory authority as they will all have direct access to the system.

Note: We've asked to add dispute resolution tracking.



# Two ways to develop a DER Registry

### **Business as Usual – For Profit**

- Multiple Vendors/Platforms with no common requirements or control
- 3000+ Utility/ISO RFP processes, requirements and customizations
- Estimated at \$20-\$40 Billion in cost over 10+ years for utility adoption and implementation
- Proprietary Data structures requiring integration cost to any other system
- Cost continually escalate over time
- Barrier to entry for customers/aggregators requiring multiple integrations across multiple jurisdictions and organizations

#### **Collaborative Non-Profit**

- Single common platform with member defined requirements/control
- Collaborative requirements and developed for consistent use and application
- <1% of cost for full deployment to all utilities and ISOs in a few years
- CIM based platform to eliminate software integration to existing utility/ISO systems
- Costs continually decline with scale
- Rapid market entry for any resource as any aggregator or consumer has a single, known interface to the market/utility/ISO

Collaboration is not always possible but enabling DERs through collaborative efforts vs 'business as usual' is possible and has multi-billion-dollar implications for the cost of energy.

# Structure for Non-Profit

### Utility Members (Paid)

- IOU
- MOU
- COOP
- Tribal
- Etc.

#### Industry Members (Free)

- Regulatory Authorities
- ISOs
- DER Equipment Suppliers
- Industry System or Software Providers

Industry Members (Paid)

- Competitive DER Entities
- DER Aggregators

\$\$ Input Oversight

Interaction Use

Oversight Operations

(No Cost)

\$\$ Input Oversight Non-Profit
Collaborative Utility
Solutions

DER Assets Registered into the Registry Software Systems

- DER IM and Registry
- GIS GUI
- Cloud Data Mgt
- Etc.

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#### Member Services

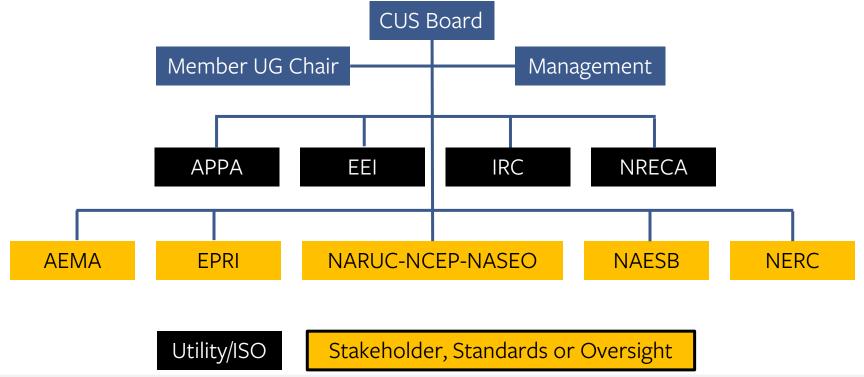
- Install
- Support/Call Center
- Training
- Etc.

#### **Business Management**

- Administration
- Member Services
- User Group Support
- IT / Communications
- Etc.

### CUS Board Structure

- The Board of Directors is designed to be comprised of non-profit organizations that represent the segments of the electric industry and set standards for, or have oversight of, the members.
- Through their user group, members will suggest, define, and prioritize changes/enhancements to the Registry. User group chair sits on the Board and will present changes/enhancements to the Board for approval.



# Registry Roll-Out

- Announced November 1, 2022, in partnership with Esri.
- Final Testing with current industry supporters in 2023.
- Product Launch
  - ISOs/Regulatory Authorities/Equipment vendors have free access to the Registry
  - All U.S. utilities have free access to 'DER data collection' tool as of March 2023 as Limited Utility Members
- Full Members will have access to the complete suite of tools in the Registry
  - Mapping/Analysis
  - API Integration to existing systems
  - Program Coordination/Approval Process for DER enablement
  - Reporting
  - Etc.

# What's coming

- API with PowerClerk to support interconnection process management
  - Shared data structure to allow the registry, permitting and the interconnection process to eliminate redundant customer entry
- API with SolarAPP+ for DER data input
  - If SolarAPP+ used to permit the DER, the data is automatically available to the registry (and PowerClerk) so customers do not have to re-enter
- Fully automated discovery and registration of equipment
  - Reduce errors in data entry and simplify process of registration and interconnection.
     Validation of previously entered data.
- Future API Collaboration with GIS/CIS/ADMS/DERMS/EMS systems
  - Cross-functional Lab effort with PNNL, ORNL, NREL culminating in CIM based API's for all industry CIMs across Markets/G/T/D/Customer.
  - Continuing work with FERC/NERC on RM22-12 and MOD32

### Demo

 Beginning in March, CUS will be announcing two dates each month to provide Demo's of the registry and answer any questions

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## Thank You!!

• We want to thank the immense number of people and organizations that have given their time and energy to bring this Collaborative, Non-Profit DER Registry to life and serve our industry.

 And Thank You for making the time to be with us today to learn about the Registry and its purpose to serve our industry.

# A&O

• Let's deal with the first two questions

"What's the catch?"

"Why do ISO's get it for free?"

501(c)6 – Open book financials and Industry run board and user group so simply put, 'no catch'.

If we charged ISO's, they would just have to charge their utility members and we'd be stacking costs on utilities.

# Appendix

MANAGEMENT BIOS

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Chris has three decades of utility industry experience ranging from power generation to regulation to end-use customer services and technologies. He has helped companies envision the future of the industry and how their company is successful in that future. By leveraging new technologies and a vast network, Chris' career has been focused on creating opportunities to help improve the energy industry.

Chris has been a frequent contributor at a variety of utility industry events and leadership conferences, as well as having spoken before Congress, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), state commissions and other influential policy groups. He has served on the boards of the IEEE Power Engineering Society, the GridWise Alliance, and Avistar (an unregulated subsidiary of PNM), along with several non-profit organizations and as a member of the DOE regulatory assistance project team, helping provide a utility industry perspective to state and federal regulators regarding current policy issues. He has also helped 13 countries around the world to develop their national energy policy to enable Distributed Energy Resources.



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Today Richard is focused on helping realize a more sustainable, equitable and healthy future for all people through companies like Mr. Dewie's Cashew Creamery, through continuing investments in technology and through ongoing research and development driving the realization of the value of operational information.



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## Support Slides

## Agenda

Who we are and why we exist

DERs use in the grid and markets

Fundamental 'Gap' identified – need for a collaborative tool

The importance of Data Sharing and CIM

Overview of Collaborative Utility Solutions Non-Profit DER Registry and savings for industry

Industry Availability and Roll-out for Non-Profit DER Registry

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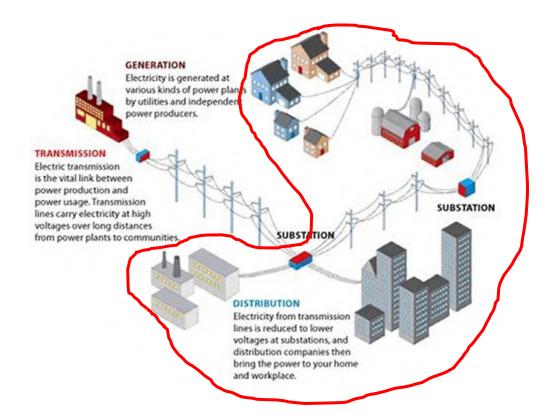
## A fundamental 'Gap' has been identified

Collaborations for standards, policy and structure exist, but we do not have a 'Tools' collaboration to produce collaborative solutions for the industry.

- The electric industry has fragmented significantly into silos based on utility ownership (IOU/MOU/Co-op/etc.) and structure (G/T/D/ISO/IPP/Competitive/etc.) over the past few decades.
- DERs around the world are being implemented haphazardly without consistent frameworks to optimize their participation in grid and markets.
- Markets around the world have clearly documented the need for a registry (Australia, Ireland, Germany, California, etc.), but each has approached this process without a non-profit collaborative structure. This creates conflicts and 'data hoarding'.
- In all cases, one fundamental need is very clear: There must be a collaborative DER registry as a predicate for all stakeholders to allow effective grid and market adoption for these resources going forward.

## Simplified Need Defined

Bulk System grid operators (ISOs/RTOs/Control Area Authorities) are forced to 'guess' what is going to happen each day because they have no insight on resources embedded in the distribution system.



Distribution Companies provide "Net Load" to the grid operator. For example, Net Load might be 100MW for the red circle area. However, the actual load might be 130MW with 30MW of solar. With no visibility to these DERs, the grid operator is scrambling for an extra 30MW of supply when the sun goes behind a cloud.

## Planning & Operation of a Power System

- It is not possible to plan or operate a power system reliably without this baseline information of what resources are connected to the system.
- We would never allow a 3000 MW nuclear plant to connect without knowing this information and fully integrating their operation and control via CIM to the ISO EMS.
- DERs are 'sneaking up on us.' For example, according to ERCOT, there already are about 3500MW of registered and unregistered DERs on the Texas grid now. One California event and the two Odessa, TX outages are pointed out in the NERC reliability reports and are directly tied to IBRs and their performance.
- An ISO or Utility is unable to effectively do its job to plan and operate the grid without this information.

## DER Registry Service Security

- Committed to Security (Security Development Lifecycle)
  - Development starts with and maintains clearly defined security and privacy requirements
  - SDL best practices
- Committed to Privacy Rights (CPRA Compliance)
  - California Privacy Rights Act (US based closely aligned to GDPR) compliance
  - Additionally, will follow any requirements for any applicable regulatory authority
- Committed to Government Compliance (FedRAMP Authorization)
  - Best practices for cloud service providers
- Service and Organization Committed to Zero Trust Architecture
  - Every level of service is based on zero trust NIST recommendations and evolving best practices – no assumed rights across any boundary

## Takeaways

- Eliminates the administrative burden for DER implementation and takes years out of the process for effective implementation
- Saves billions of dollars for the industry (in a non-profit structure)
- Data sharing and data governance for DERs is defined state by state in a secure, reliable fashion with no 'data hoarding' or 'data isolation' of any necessary market participant. NERC reliability data included.
- Eliminates issues of 'double counting' and allows 'highest and best use' of DERs for reliability, security and sustainability
- Eliminates burden of reporting for all energy value chain stakeholders
- Not specific to the registry, but PLEASE adopt 1547-2018 in your state Do not keep allowing 'dumb energy bricks' to be added to your grid

## DERs done 'right' - A few Use Cases

DERs are creating significant issues on the grid worldwide largely due to how they are being incorporated with no operational visibility and control. However, if DERs are incorporated with Utility/ISO visibility and control, they **CAN** solve many different problems like power factor and phase balance. Solving these problems will dramatically reduce planned infrastructure costs for distribution and transmission network upgrades, billions of dollars for future grid investment.

- Correct Power Factor to Unity on each feeder.
- Correct Phase Balance
  - DERs can help solve phase balance issues on the distribution grid. This has been proven through actual deployments to reduce feeder and customer losses by more than 40%. This creates significant EE effects and extends the life of every electrical device on the grid.
- Significantly Reduce Technical Losses on the Grid (EE). With appropriate four-quadrant inverter specification (1547-2018), it is possible to 'dial' watts and vars from each DER. This has been proven through actual deployments to reduce feeder and customer losses by 6-12%. They can also be used to help balance the three phases, another 30%-40% in technical losses on feeders. Correcting Power Factor and Phase Balance creates significant EE effects and extends the life of every electrical device connected to the grid. It also creates 'new' capacity for additional electrification.
- Mitigate ramps
  - Morning and afternoon ramps with solar are creating significant issues that active DER control can mitigate/eliminate. (Duck Curve)

## DERs done 'right' - A few Use Cases (cont)

- 5. "Head room capacity" for EVs
  - Through targeted deployment, it is possible to create capacity on each feeder for the electrification of transportation (EVs) without costly feeder reconductors and substation upgrades. Deploy DERs to defer, or eliminate planned feeder or substation upgrades.
- 6. Wholesale portfolio use (Energy/Capacity/Ancillary Services in Markets and IRP outside)
  - While DERs could be used for distribution purposes 90%-95% of the 8760 hours, they also can be aggregated for 5%-10% of the hours of the year to lower the cost of the wholesale power portfolio each day through net load adjustments and for hedging offsets, reduced reserve margin requirements, 4 CP mitigation, spinning reserves, non-spinning reserves, and grid emergency services like UFLS and UVLS first stage performance.
  - Day of/Day Ahead use for loss of units or other grid anomalies.
  - Utility Scale Renewable Balancing DER Storage to balance and optimize use of utility scale renewables.
- 7. Reliability and Resiliency
  - Improve Volt/VAR management on each feeder.
  - Minimize, and eliminate over time, VAR transport on the bulk electric grid. This will dramatically improve stability margins in grid operation and support 'inertia/system strength'.
  - Provision community reliability and resiliency for major weather (ice, tornado, etc.) events for critical care customers, police/fire/emergency response, community centers, etc.
  - If critical care/emergency response are supported with DERs, utility crews can address the larger outages sooner rather than reserving a significant number of crews for these types of customers.

## The Importance of Information Sharing

Information sharing has and does work. But it works because the parties see that the benefits (better protection, detection and response) outweigh the risks. History also teaches, however, that information sharing tends to work best when those involved trust each other to respect informal and sometimes formal agreements (e.g., non-disclosure agreements) on information use and disclosure.

-Scott Charney

## DER and DER Aggregation Administration

- Approval process by any market or utility program will require sign off by the necessary industry entities for the DER and/or DER Aggregation. In the US, this will include entities such as Competitive Retail Suppliers, DSOs, TSOs, Scheduling Coordinators, and the ISO/RTO for ISO/RTO-based programs.
- These names may be different by market. Competitive Retail Supplier could be a Retail Electric Provider in another market. A Scheduling Coordinator could be a Qualified Scheduling Entity.
- For each market or utility program, the registry must capture the approval/rejection of an individual DER or DER aggregation by the appropriate entities.
- Registry includes a dynamic Administration Engine for DER and DER Aggregation Administration/Approval.

## Reporting

- 'Standard' DER reports by:
  - Utility
  - ISO
  - Geographic area (city, county, state, country)
  - Aggregator
- 'Custom' Reports as defined by Members
  - History, Trending, etc.
- Tools for agencies like EIA to have access to the data for reporting
- Fully automated to eliminate time and cost requirements for all stakeholders (Utilities/ISO's/Aggregators/Regulators/etc.) to develop and deliver data and reports

## The Registry must be built with CIM in mind

- The Common Information Model (CIM) is an abstract information model that provides data understanding through through the identification of common features or attributes for different objects and how those objects are related to each other within a utility enterprise.
- This enhanced data understanding supports the exchange of data models and messages and increases the ability to integrate applications both within the enterprise and with trading partners.
- These trends go beyond exchange or updates of network models to the exchange of specific dynamic data within transactional messages in a realtime environment.
- Using industry CIM eliminates custom and costly interfaces.

#### CIM Interface Reference Model

For the electric industry to be able to effectively operate millions of pieces of equipment from hundreds of vendors, the CIM reference model must be utilized to be able to exchange key data without custom, costly software interfaces.

CIM is the electric utility industry's version of "Plug-N-Play

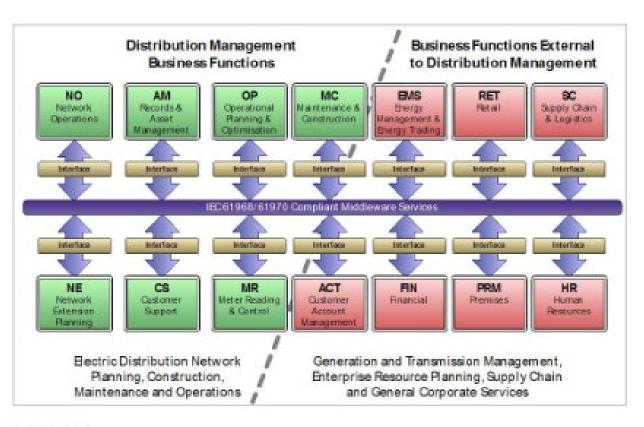
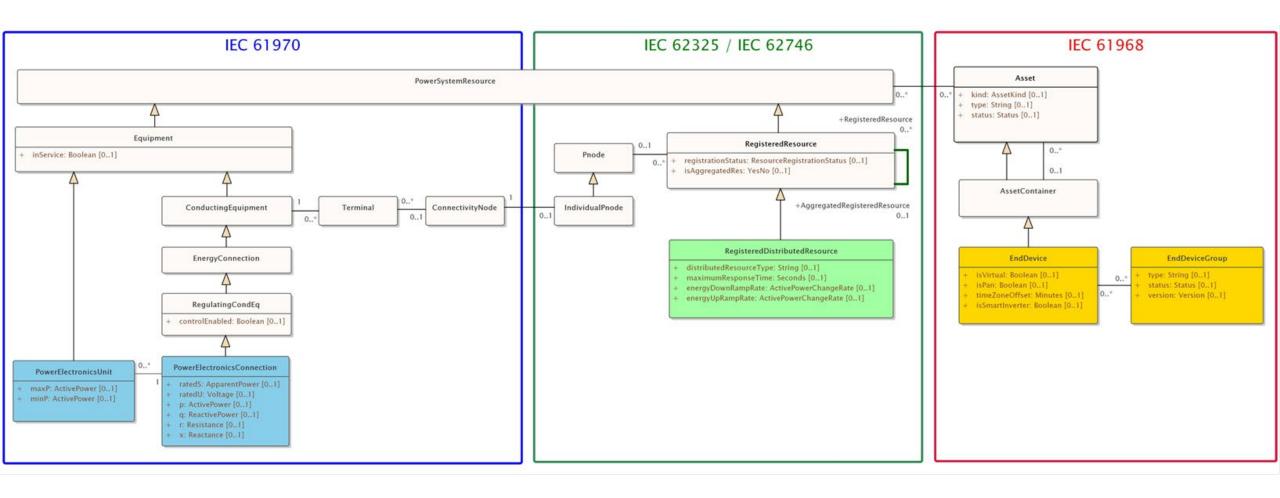


Figure 6-1 IEC61968-1 Interface Reference Model



# Collaborative Non-Profit DER Registry Briefing

Creating, Managing, Enrolling and Approval of an Aggregation

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### Overview

• This presentation is designed to show the ability of the Non-Profit DER Registry to allow aggregations to be created (and managed going forward) as well as the enrollment and approval process for utility programs and ISO market products.

### The Process

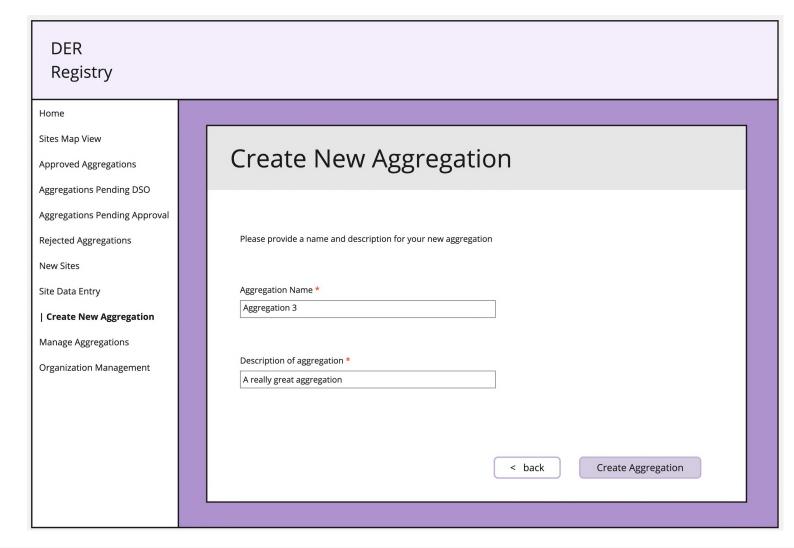
- If you think of an aggregation like a virtual backpack that an aggregator fills up with sites, there is a process to define what it is in that backpack.
- First, you need to uniquely identify that backpack.
- Second, you need to establish the program (utility/retail) and/or the product (ISO) that
  you will desire the aggregation to be entered into and for what time period.
- Third, you start adding sites. But in this process, the system needs to make sure that the site isn't already in aggregation for a competing program/product in the same time period to ensure no conflicts exist and a 'valid' aggregation is created.
- Fourth, once the aggregation is valid, it must begins the process of enrollment and approval according to the rules of the utility/state/ISO.
- Fifth, once approved, it will be ready for the utility/ISO to utilize
- Notification to appropriate participants and transparent tracking/logging must be available through this entire process

## Definition still required

• There will be an evolution to this process as each utility/ISO defines their program/product rules, their required approval process, their add/delete sites rules for an aggregation, etc.

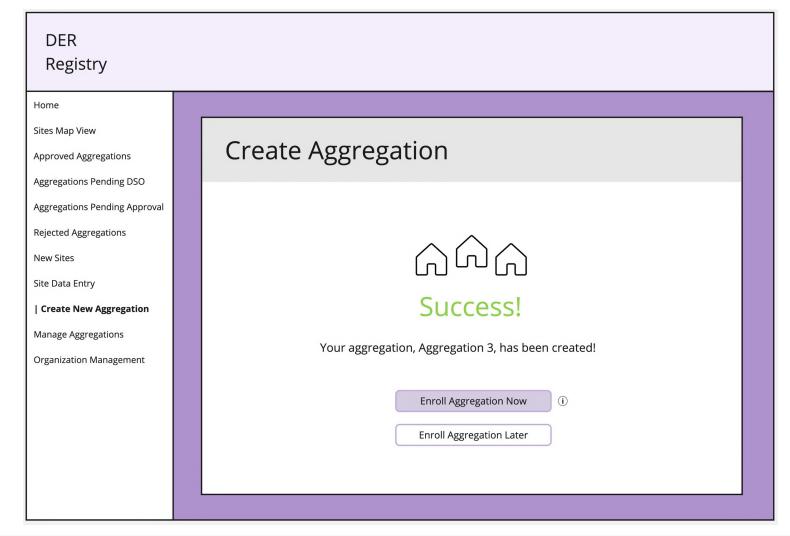
## Creating an Aggregation

- Aggregator is asked to name and describe the Aggregation
- Registry also assigns a unique identifier to the aggregation



## Creating an Aggregation (cont)

- Confirmation screen that the aggregation has been created and is now ready to be enrolled in a utility program or market product
- Asks user if they would like to enroll this aggregation into a utility program or market product now or later



## Enroll an Aggregation

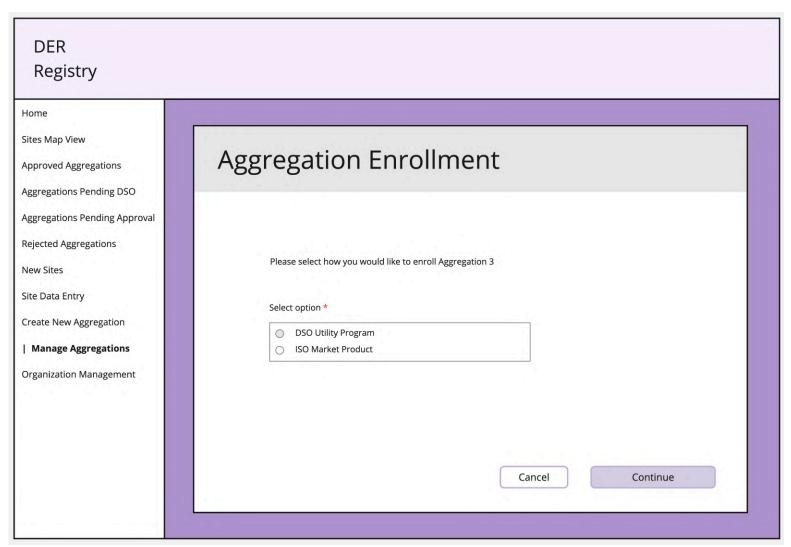
- Registry is designed to allow 'dual registration' and incorporate the rules/policy of DSO/ISO/Market to ensure no 'dual compensation'
- A site may be dual registered It may participate in both a utility retail program and an ISO market product
- Therefore, a site may be included in two different different aggregations to allow dual participation.
- A DSO utility retail program cannot include sites from outside of their service territory. In other words, only sites within the DSO utility service area may be included in an aggregation for a DSO utility retail program.
- An ISO market program could conceivably have many different sites from many different DSOs. Therefore, the aggregation for the ISO market product must be able to include sites that are constrained to a single aggregation in a DSO program. ISO may have additional rules to constrain aggregations to one market node, etc.
- However, a site may NEVER participate in more than ONE DSO utility program and ONE ISO market product.

## DSO/ISO engagement process

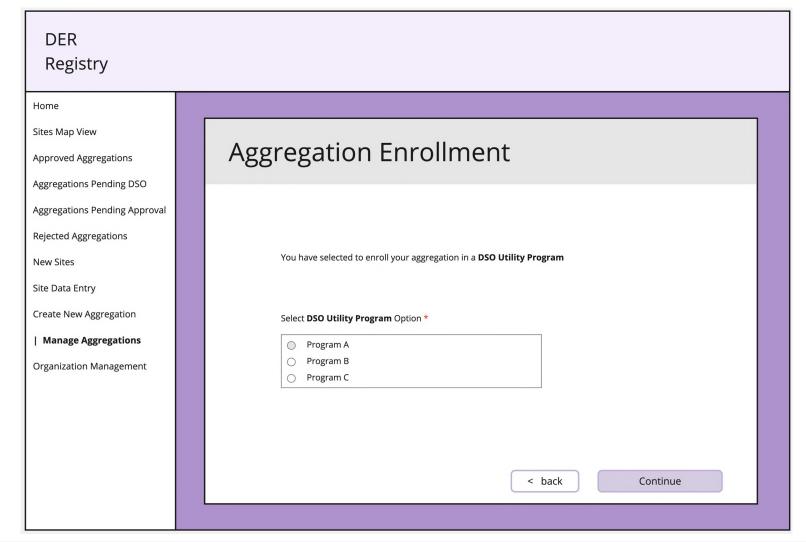
- This section describes the engagement process for both DSO (utility retail program) and ISO (market product) aggregation development so an aggregation is ready to be entered into the formal enrollment and approval process
- We refer to all utility retail programs for aggregations as "Programs"
- We refer all ISO market products for aggregations as "Products"

## Enroll an Aggregation

- Registry is designed to allow 'dual registration'
- An aggregation may be enrolled in both a retail utility program and a market product
- A site may be used for ONE utility program and ONE market product

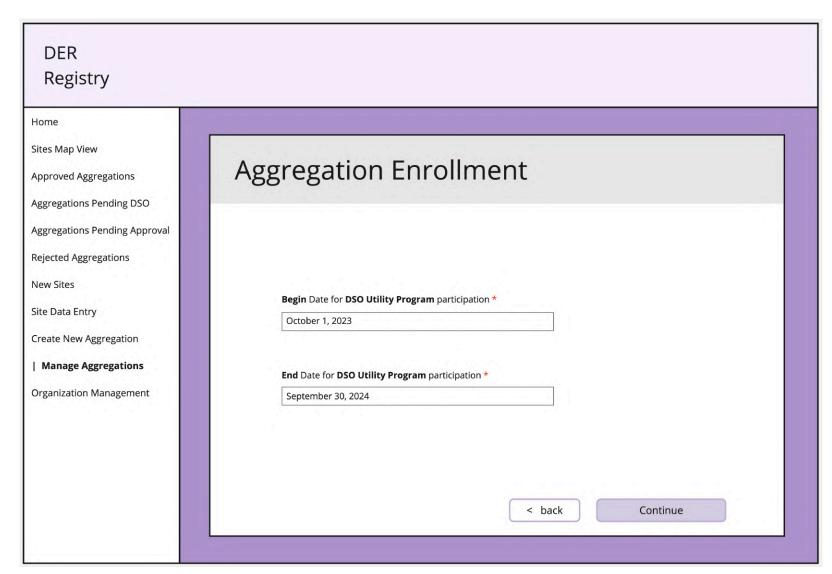


- Aggregation has been selected to enroll in a DSO retail utility program
- CUS works with the utilities to develop a pick list of available programs



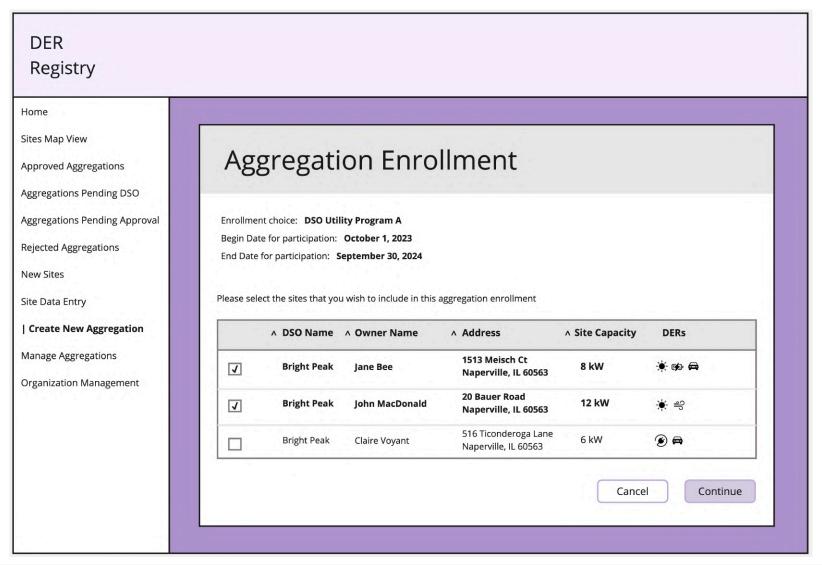
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- Each program will have specific rules for when an aggregation can begin participation and when participation is concluded and registry will provide guidance
- Aggregator requests start and end date for participation
- This allows aggregator to create as many aggregation enrollments as they would like so they are all ready for entry into the approval process at the appropriate time.



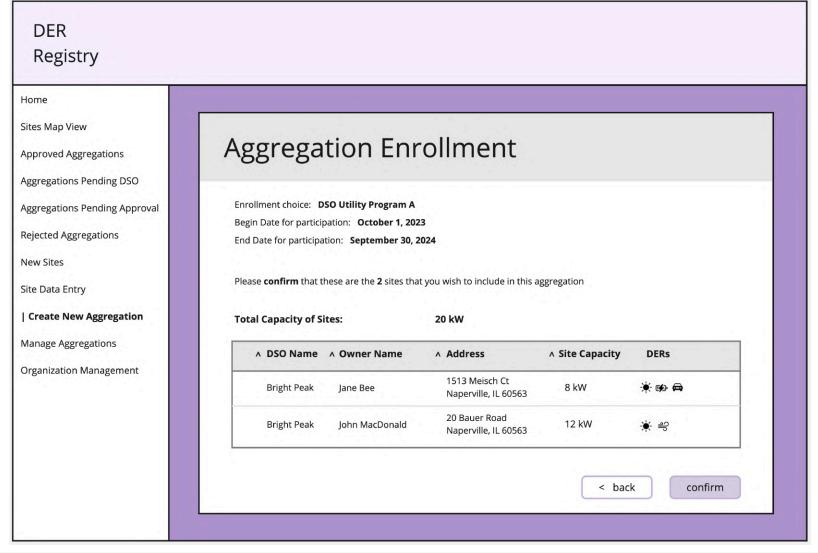
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- Lists sites that individual owners have assigned to aggregator
- Sites filtered by the enrollment choice and begin/end date
- They select sites from the list for this aggregation enrollment
- All sites shown, but may be greyed out and not selectable if conflicts exist for site



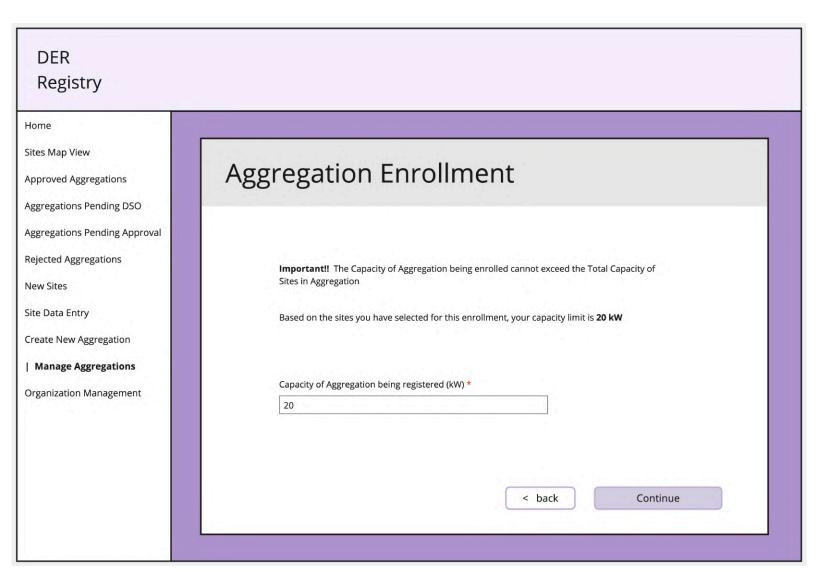
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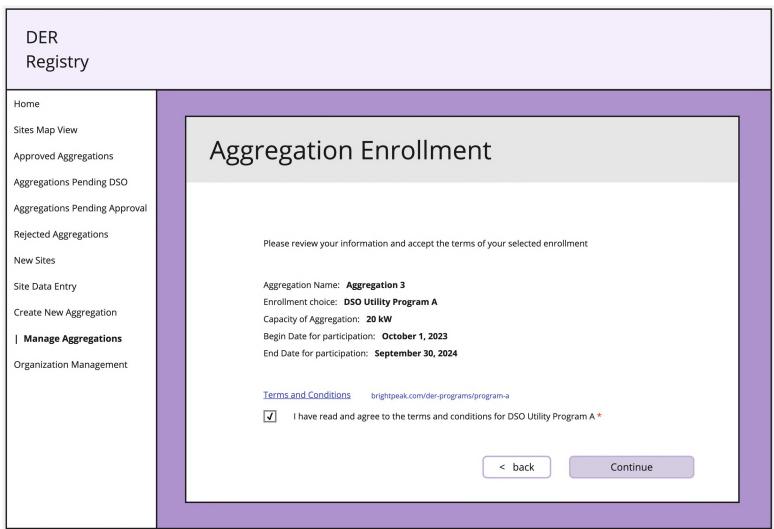
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- Each program will require additional specific data entry for enrollment.
- This may include capacity, energy, etc. of the aggregation as required by program
- CUS will work with each utility to enter these requirements for each program

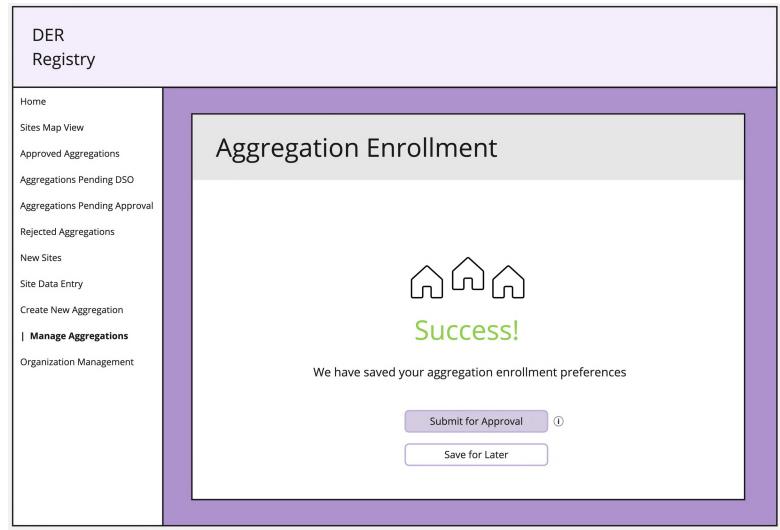




- Registry requires confirmation of utility program 'terms and conditions' and provides a link to these rules
- CUS works with each utility to provide appropriate links

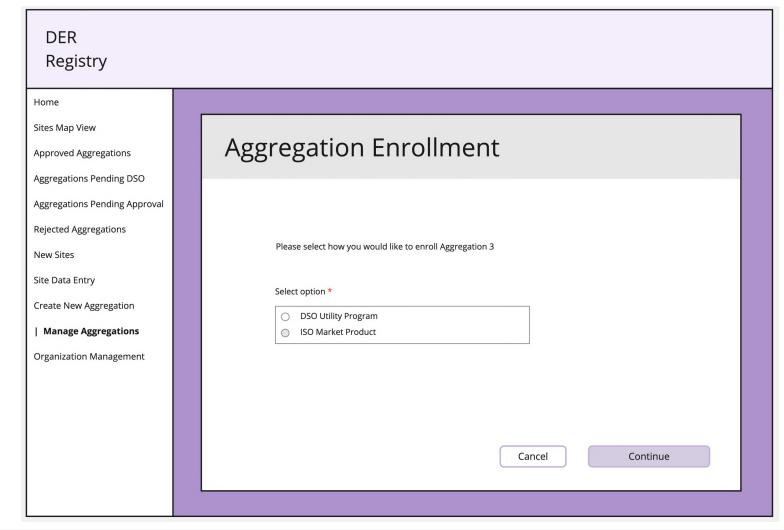


- Confirmation Screen that Aggregation has completed necessary information for enrollment
- Asks user if they would like to submit this aggregation for necessary approvals now or later



## Enroll an Aggregation into ISO product

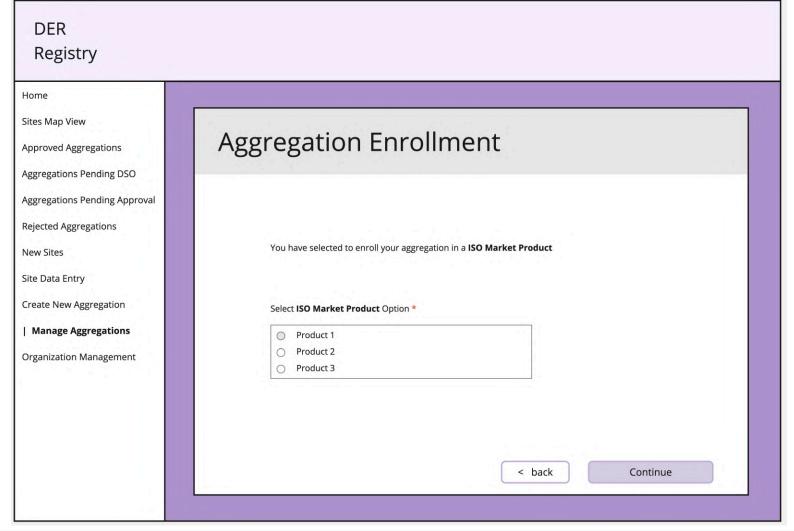
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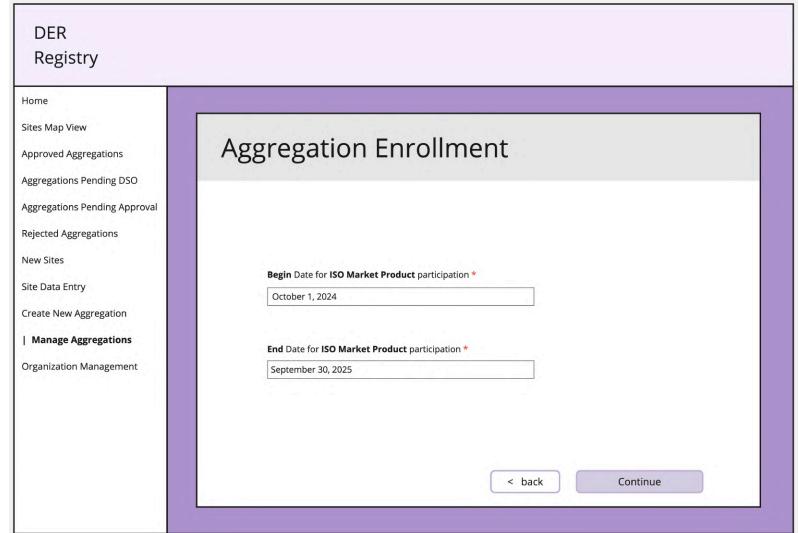
## Enroll an Aggregation into ISO product

- Aggregation has been selected to enroll in an ISO market product
- CUS works with the ISOs to develop a pick list of available products



Enroll an Aggregation into ISO Product (cont.)

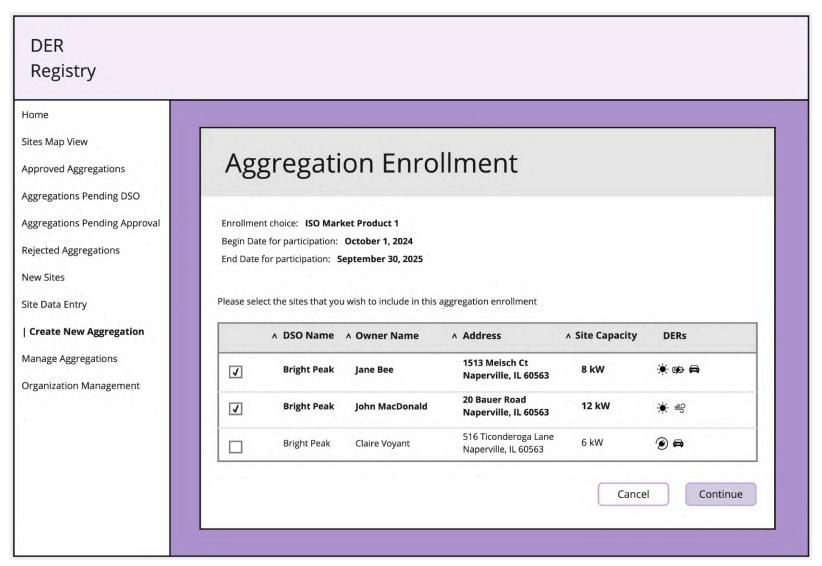
- Each product will require additional specific data entry for enrollment
- This may include date to be registered, capacity, energy, etc.
- CUS will work with each ISO to establish these requirements for each product
- This allows aggregator to create as many aggregation enrollments as they would like so they are all ready for entry into the approval process at the appropriate time.



Enroll an Aggregation into ISO Program

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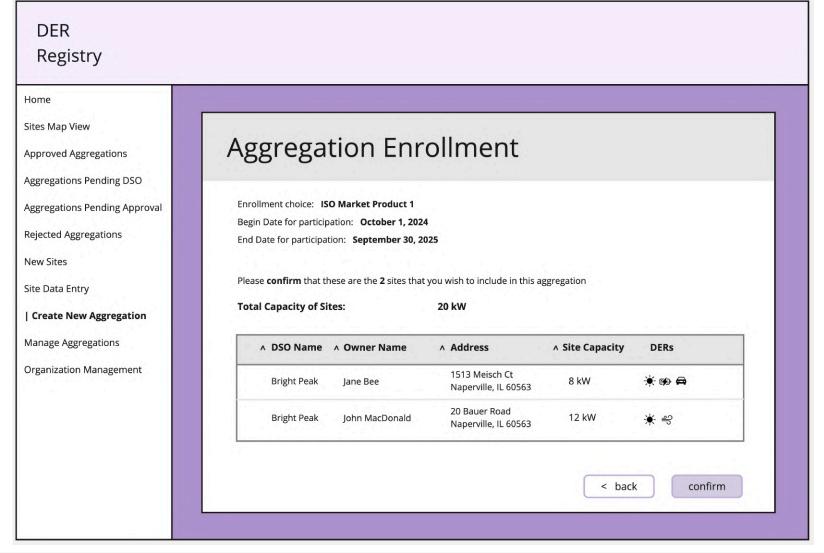
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Enroll an Aggregation into ISO Program (cont.)

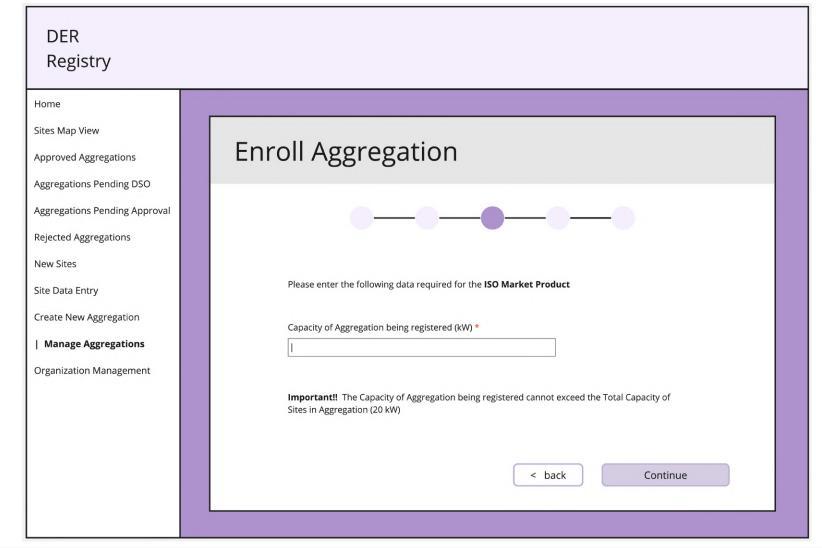
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Enroll an Aggregation into ISO Product (cont.)

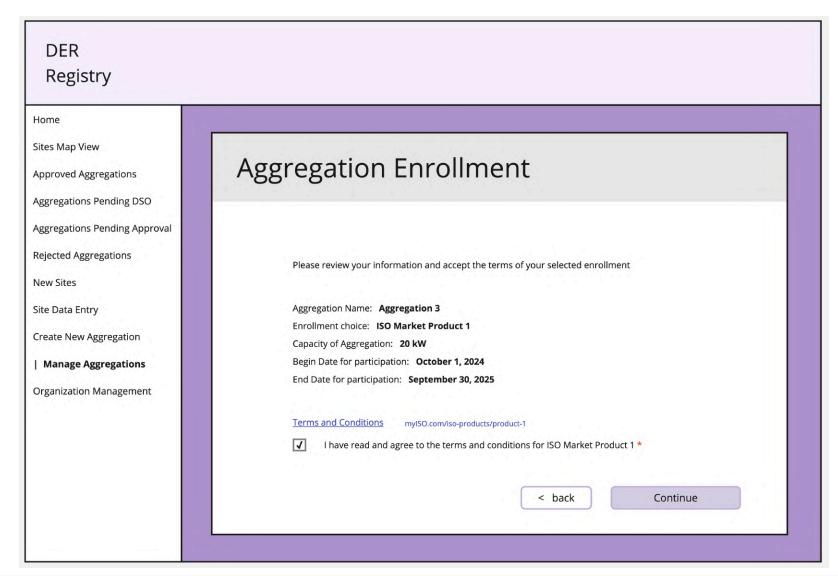
- Each product will require additional specific data entry for enrollment
- This may include capacity, energy, etc. of the aggregation as required by product
- CUS will work with each ISO to enter these requirements for each program



Enroll an Aggregation into ISO Product

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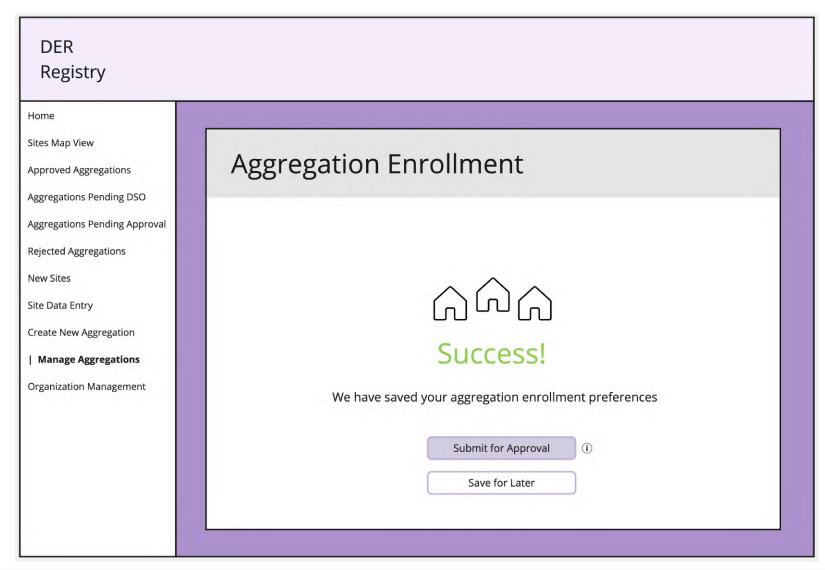
- Registry requires confirmation of ISO product 'terms and conditions' and provides a link to these rules
- CUS works with each ISO to provide appropriate links



Enroll an Aggregation into DSO Program

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- Confirmation Screen that Aggregation has completed necessary information for enrollment
- Asks user if they would like to submit this aggregation for necessary approvals now or later

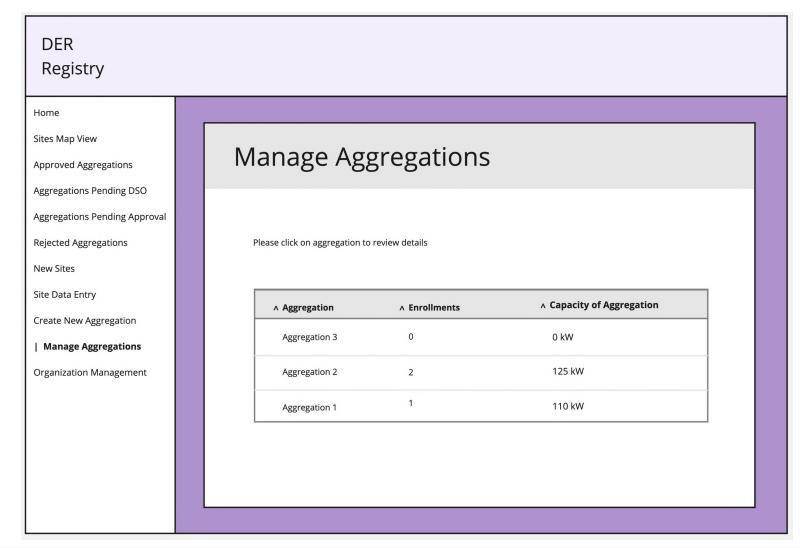


#### Manage Aggregations Created

- Aggregator has ability to manage/modify all aggregations created
- Once an aggregation has an enrollment of sites, Aggregator can submit into the required approval process.
- Note: Rules for add/deletion of sites to existing aggregation are not yet developed. Per program or product rules, we expect some changes for existing aggregations that are already enrolled may require the aggregation to be submitted into approval process again and some changes may not require aggregation to move through the entire approval process again.

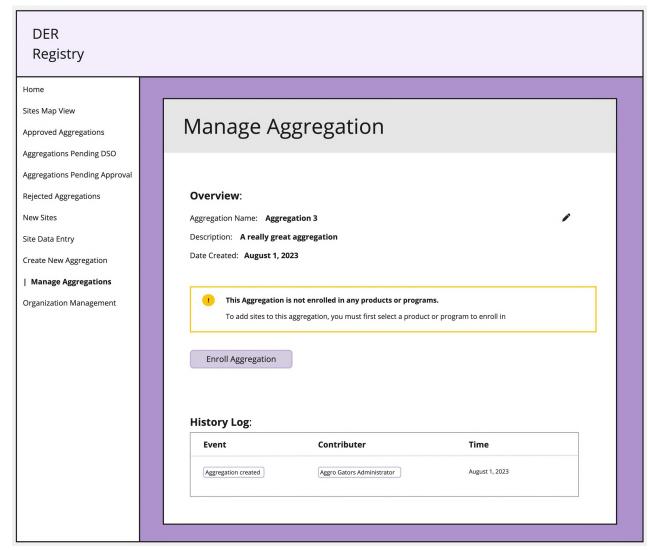
## Manage Aggregations

- Provides Aggregator list of current aggregations
- Clicking on an aggregation allows Aggregator to view/modify aggregation and enrollments



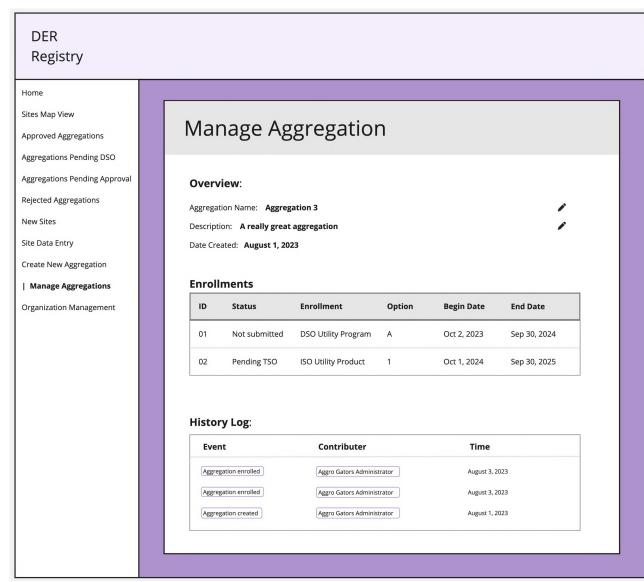
## Manage Aggregations

- Once an aggregation is clicked on, all information for the aggregation is shown and can be edited
- A log of all actions related to this aggregation is shown
- This aggregation has **not** yet been enrolled and approved in any programs or products. Aggregator can select and submit it into approval process.



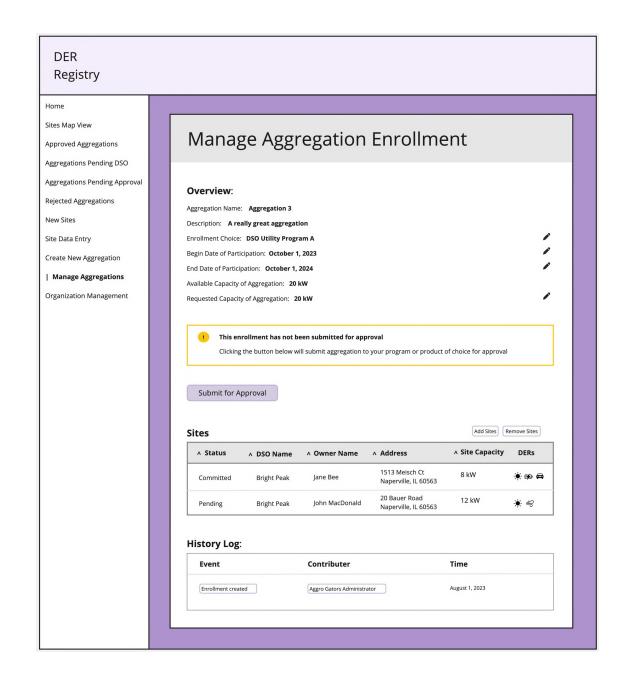
Manage Aggregations

- Display list of aggregations for aggregator with current status information.
- Once an aggregation is clicked on, all information for the aggregation is shown and can be edited (next slide)
- A log of all actions related to this aggregation is shown
- An aggregation with enrollments will show the enrollments and their status.



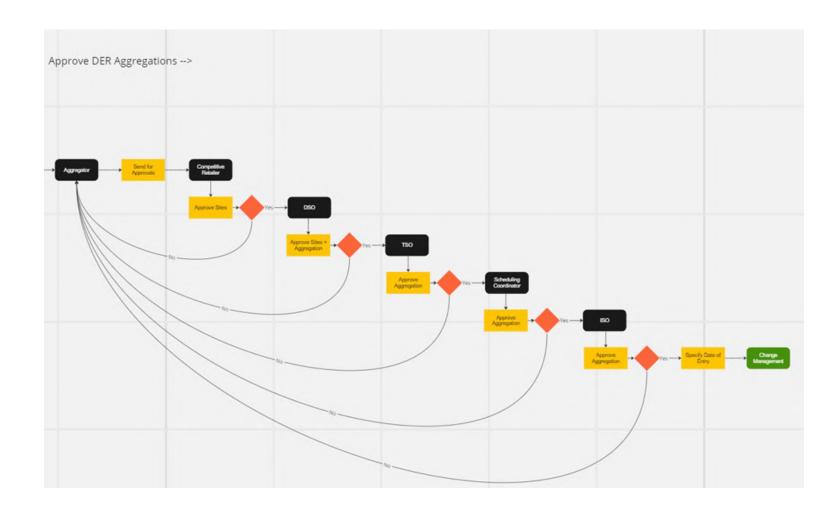
# Manage Aggregations (cont)

- Once an aggregation enrollment is clicked on, all information for the enrollment is shown and can be edited
- Aggregation sites that have been selected for this enrollment are shown
- A log of all actions related to this aggregation enrollment is shown
- Aggregator is notified if enrollment has not been submitted for approval yet



#### Approval Process

- Each Utility or ISO will have a defined approval process. The process flow describes a variety of potential personas that could be required in this process
- CUS will work with each utility and ISO to implement their required approval process
- Date/Time/Login captured for each persona in approval process
- Each persona has ability to track where aggregation is in the approval process
- Can 'time-bound' each approver if required



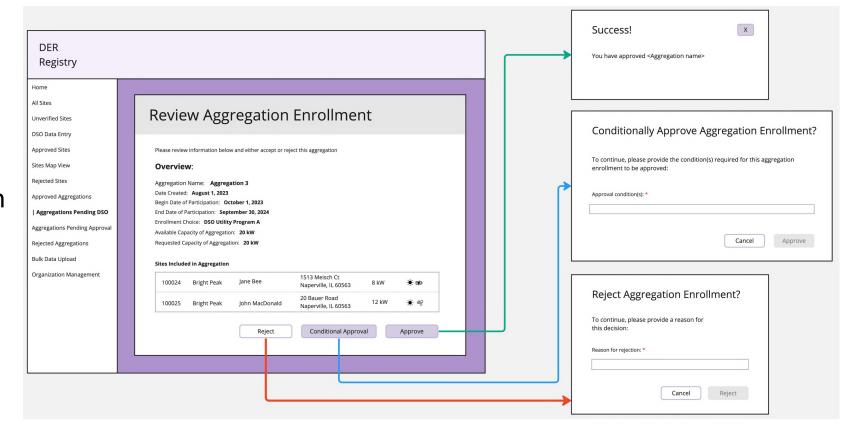
# Approval of an Aggregation by DSO

- DSO View of DER Registry
- Provides list of aggregations pending their approval



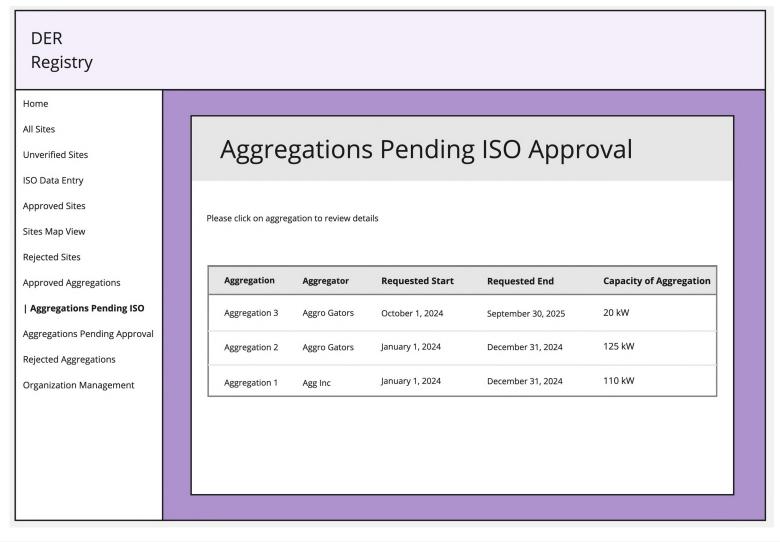
## Approval of an Aggregation by DSO (cont.)

- Clicking on an Aggregation in prior slide provides a detailed overview of the aggregation
- May also view all of the sites in the aggregation in a map view
- CUS will work with utility for list of 'reasons' an aggregation my be rejected
- A DSO can reject a single site in an aggregation or the entire aggregation



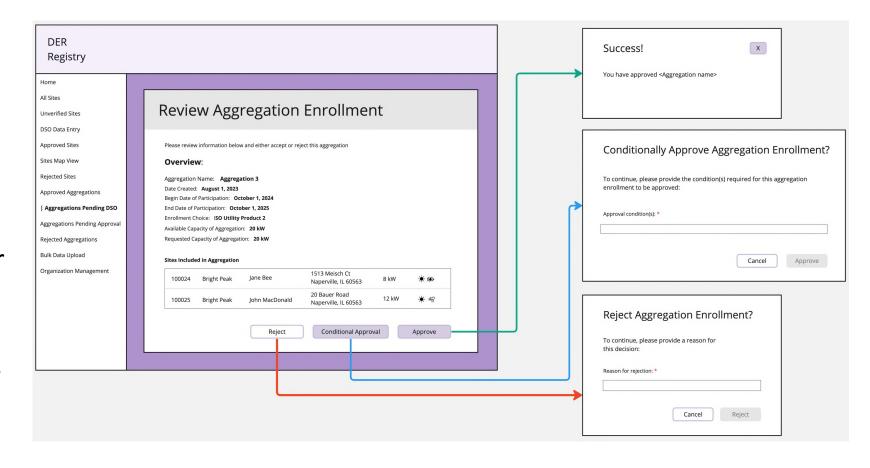
# Approval of an Aggregation by ISO

- ISO View of DER Registry
- Provides list of aggregations pending their approval



# Approval of an Aggregation by ISO (cont)

- Clicking on an Aggregation in prior slide provides a detailed overview of the aggregation
- May also view all of the sites in the aggregation in a map view
- CUS will work with ISO for list of 'reasons' an aggregation my be rejected
- An ISO can reject only the entire aggregation, not a single site in an aggregation



#### Notifications and Tracking

- Once an Aggregation is submitted into the approval process, the Aggregator can track where the aggregation is currently at in the approval process with each required personal
- Everyone in the approval process chain is notified a new aggregation has been submitted and they have the ability to preview anything that is coming their way.
- Tracking screen shows date/time each persona received and approved/rejected
- A rejection requires Aggregator to resubmit for approval after fixing any required parameters for the aggregation
- Conditional Approval requires aggregator to accept condition, and make any required changes to aggregation, before it continues forward in the approval process.
- The registry has the ability to provide notifications for required deadlines for approval if there is a defined clock for the review
- The registry will provide notification to the aggregator and premise owner via their portal when their aggregation or site has been approved into a utility program or market product

# Collaborative Non-Profit DER Registry Briefing DER Data Entry and Management

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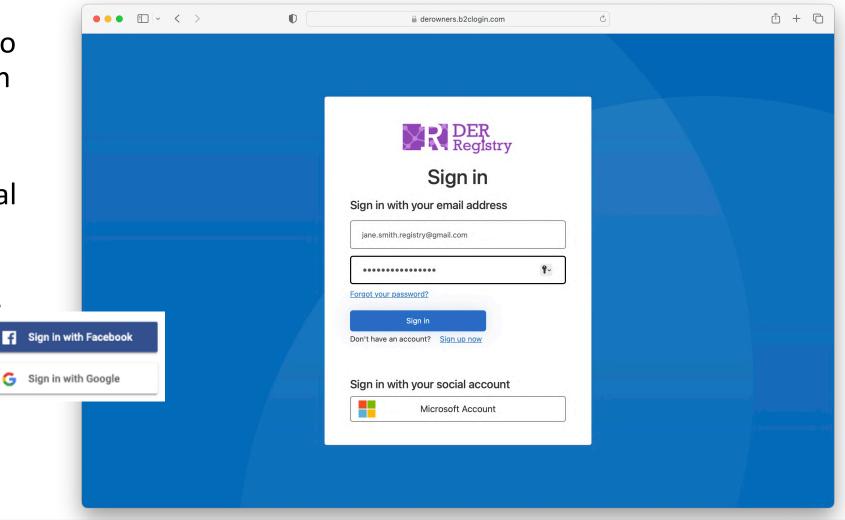


#### Overview

This presentation is designed to show the ability of the Non-Profit DER Registry for DER Data Entry and Management

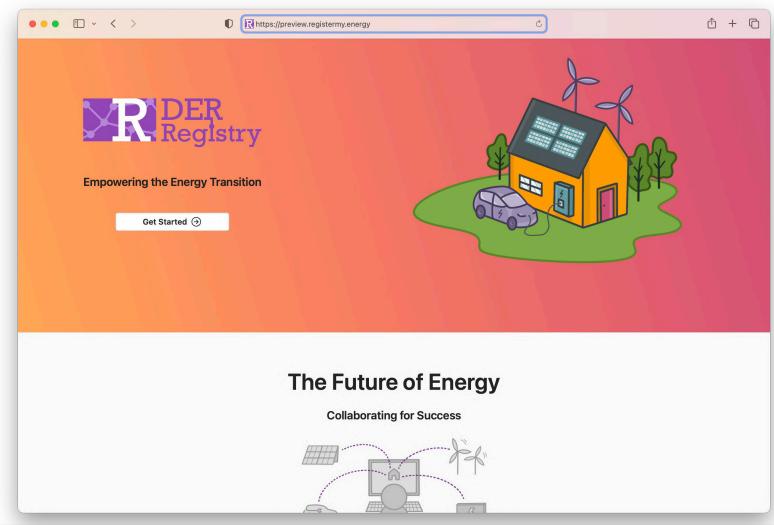
## Owner Log in

- Homeowner signs on to the system to create an account
- Authentication provided via their social accounts (Microsoft already set up. Facebook, Google, etc. coming soon!)



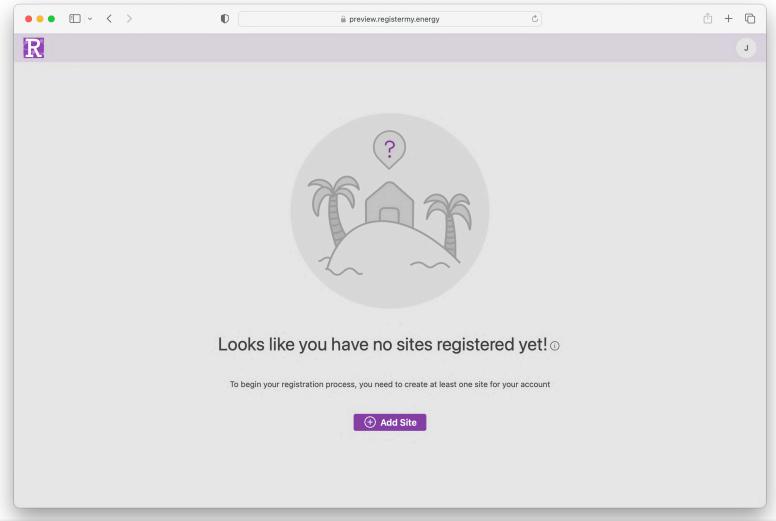
## Owner Log in

 After signing in you are ready to "Get Started"

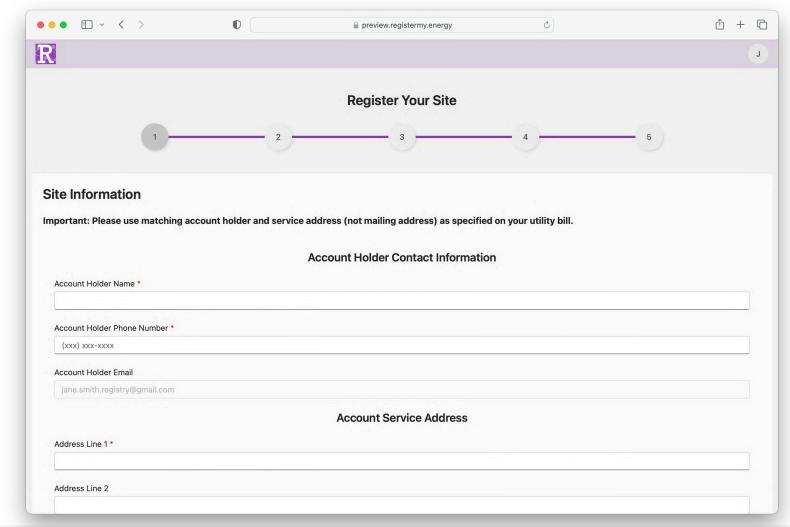


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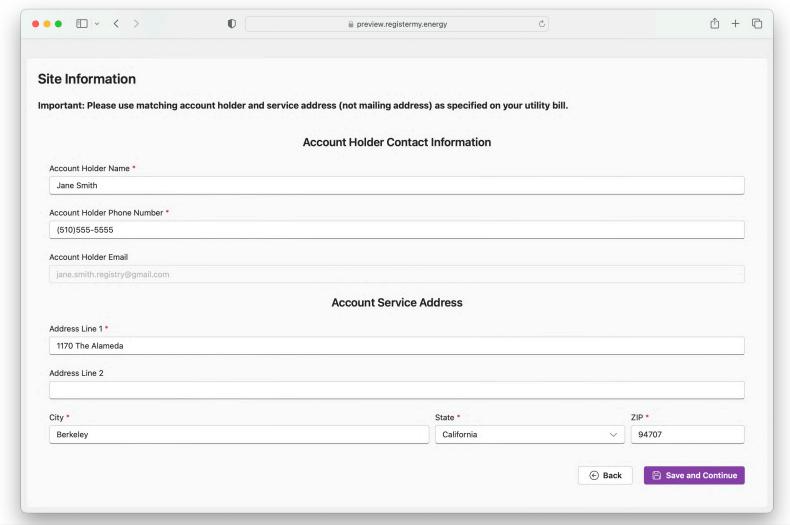
- When a homeowner first signs in, they have not established a site to place DERs. Step 1 is to add their site.
- Owners may have multiple sites



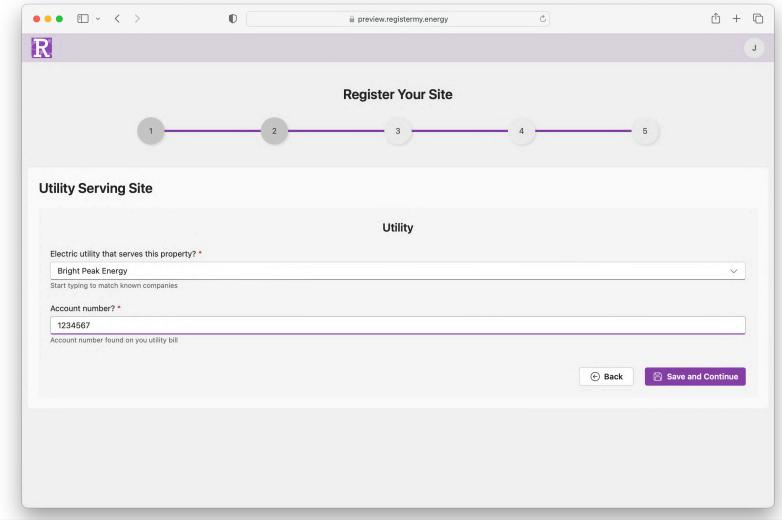
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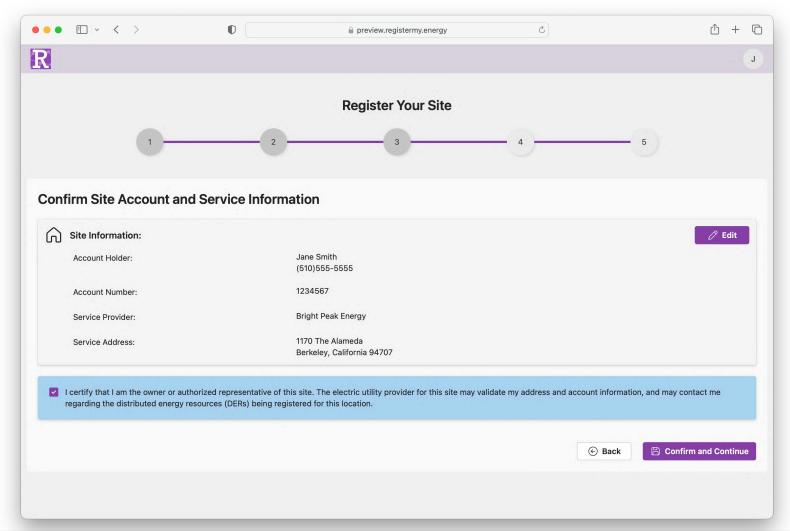
 Contact information and distribution utility account service address
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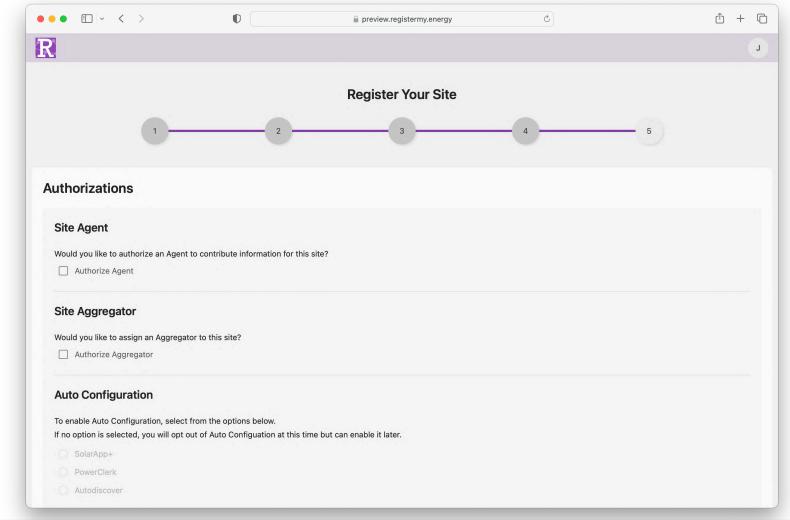
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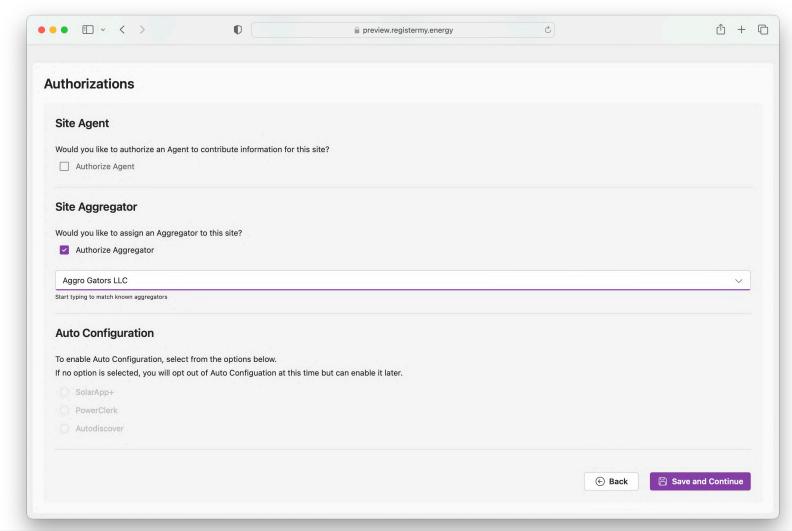
Confirm your site information



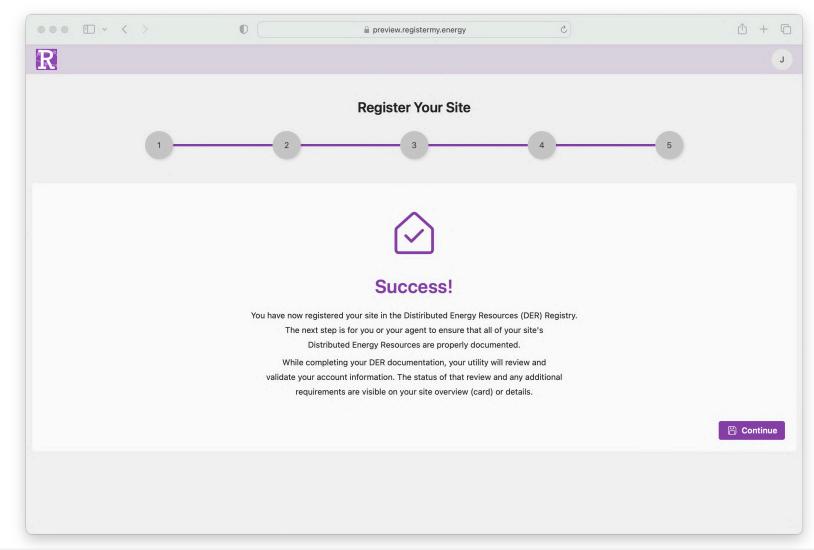
 Once an owner has established their site, they may select an agent (solar/battery/etc. installer) to enter their DER information, select an aggregator and, if applicable, allow the registry to Auto populate their DER settings via their permit through SolarApp+, PowerClerk or Auto discover equipment on their site.



 Authorizations completed

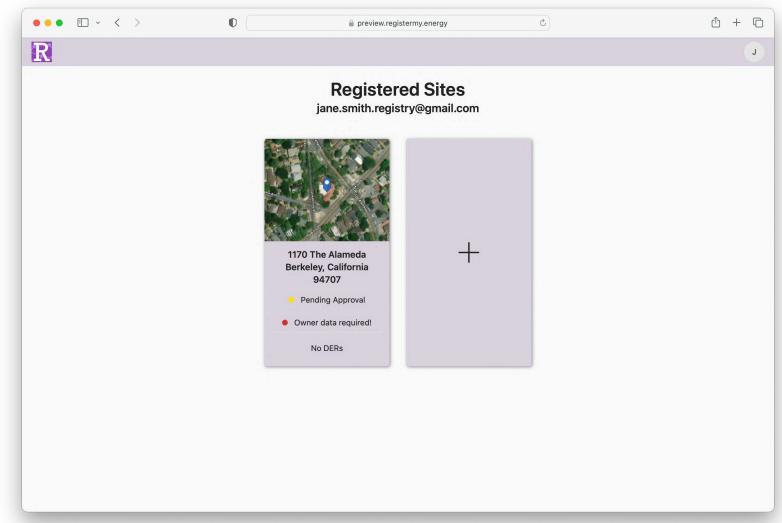


Site successfully created



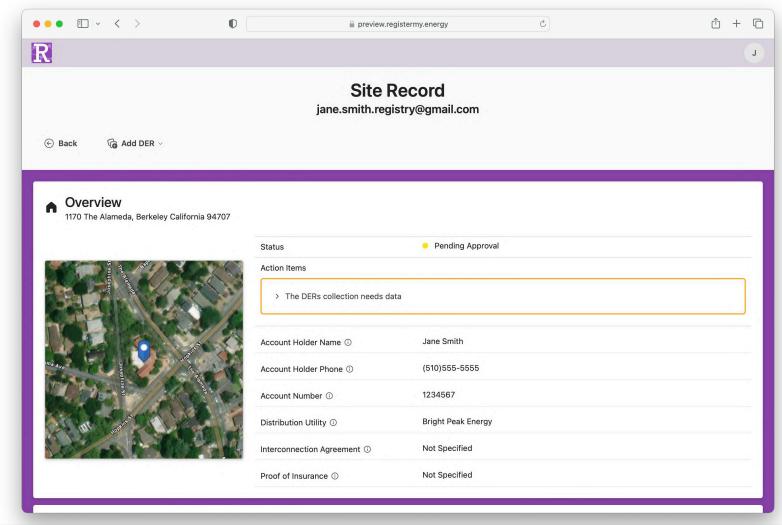
# Registered Sites

 Site has been successfully created and is now visible on dashboard



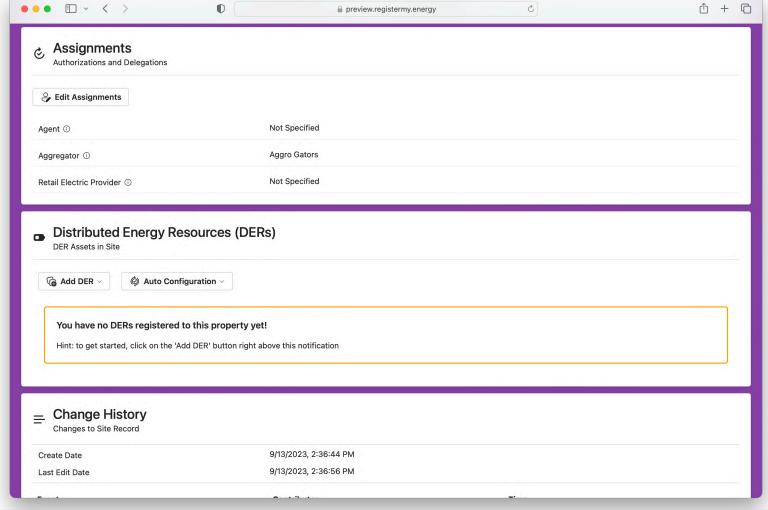
#### Site Details

 No DERs have been added yet, so there is a notification indicating that "The DERs collection needs data"



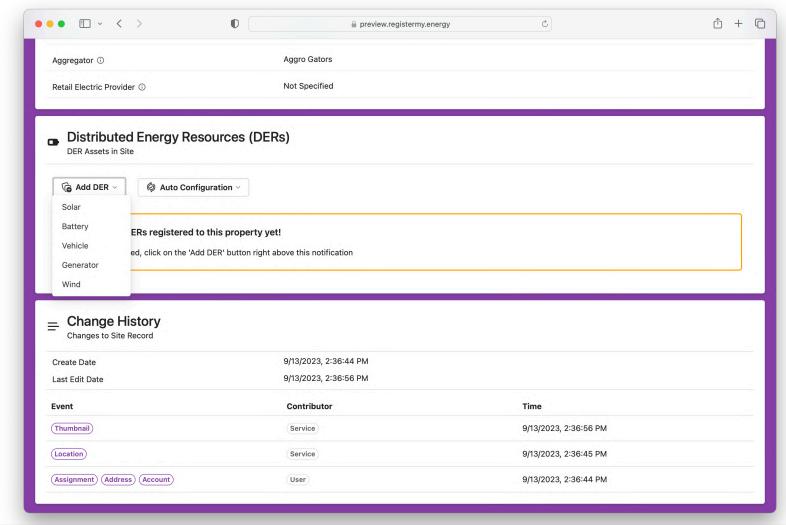
#### Site Details

 No DERs have been added yet, so there is an additional notification in the DERs section indicating that owner or agent needs to add data

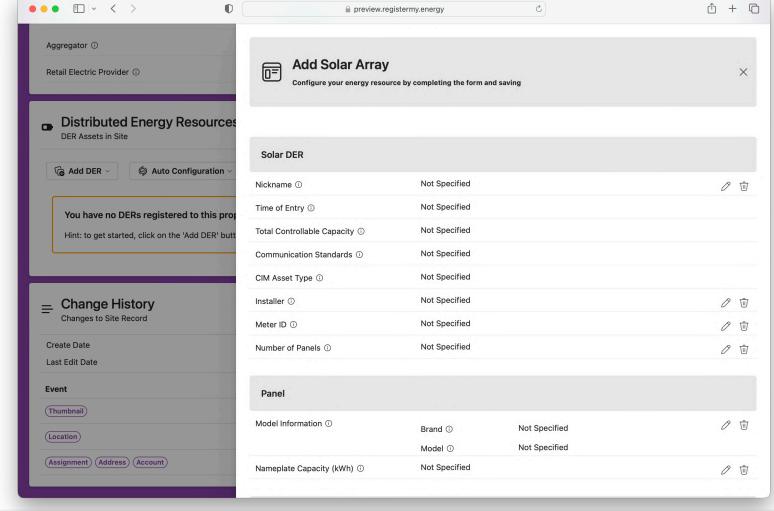


#### Add DER

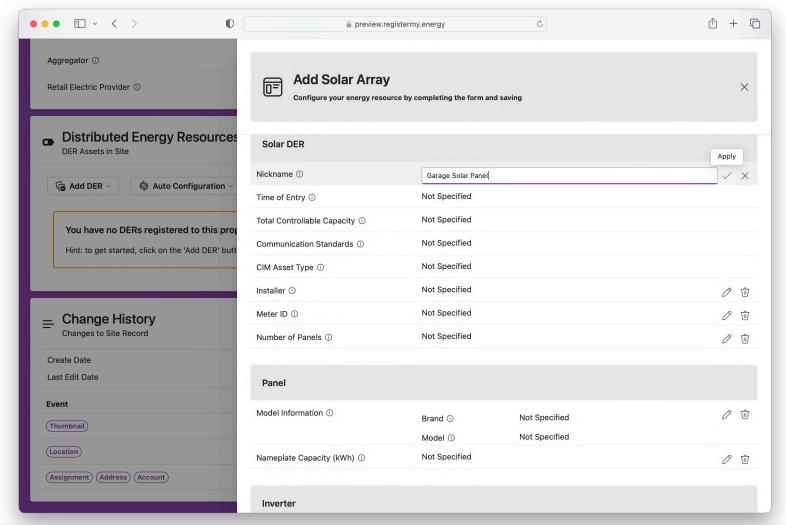
 Owner/agent can add a new DER from the site detail view



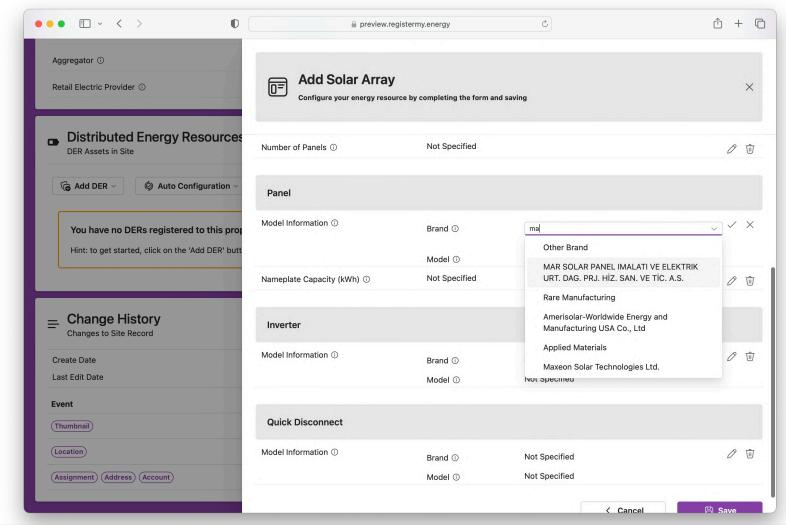
 Some fields can be edited by an owner/agent, but others need to be added by other parties after the owner/agent completes DER data entry (DSO, Aggregator, ISO, etc.)



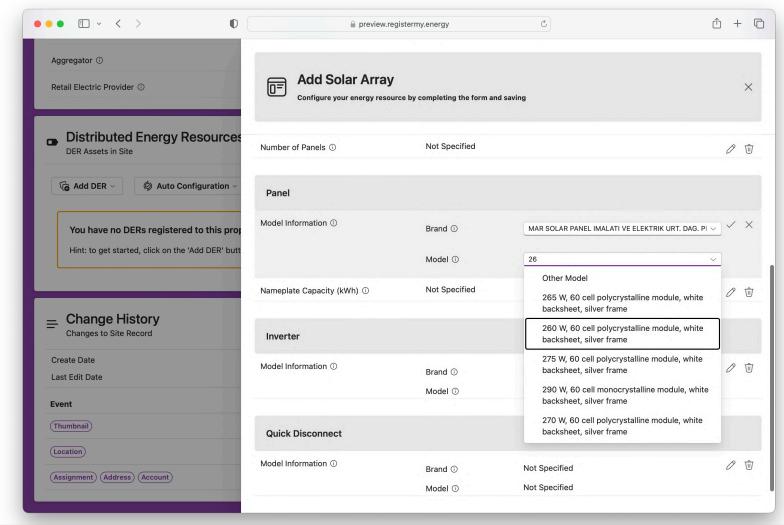
 Add nickname for DER being entered



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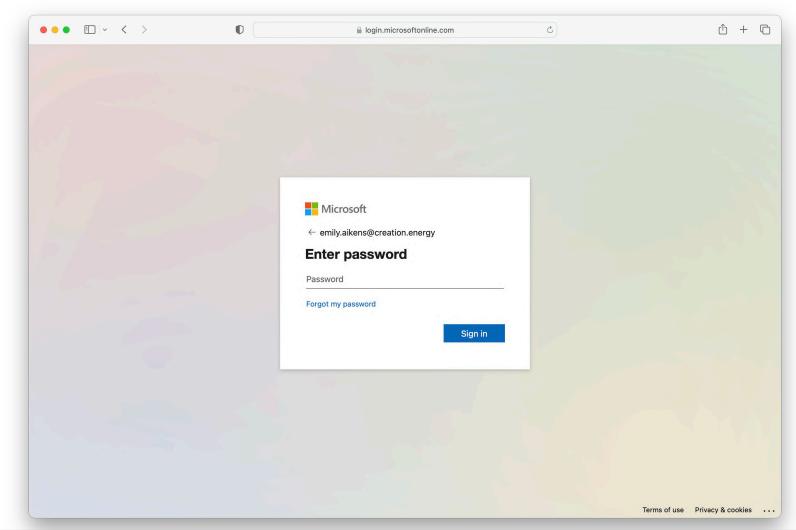


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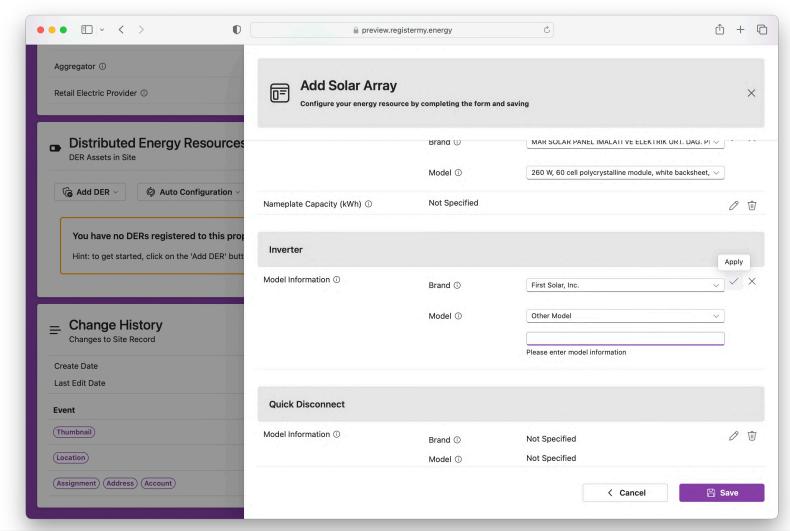
# Registry Login for "Industry" Members

 Aggregators, DSOs, ISOs etc. log in through a different registry portal



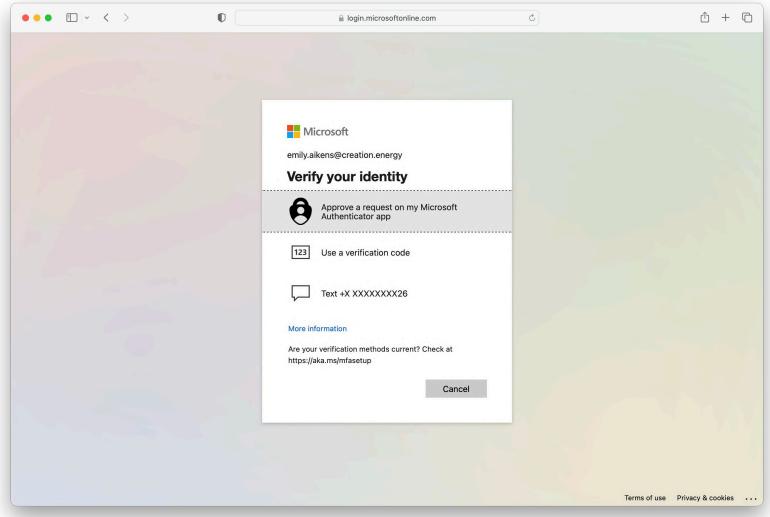
### Add Solar Array

 Select inverter brand and model



### Registry Authentication

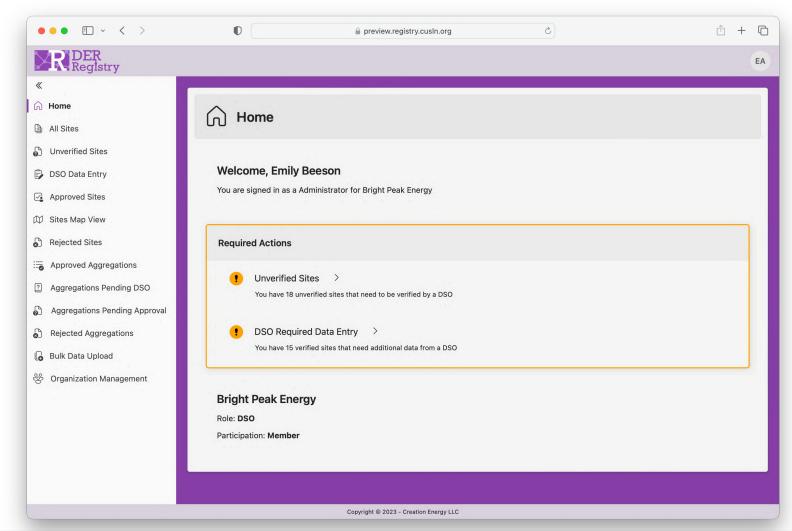
- Authentication is provided via their corporate credentials
- Company must be a Collaborative Solutions Member to allow their employees access



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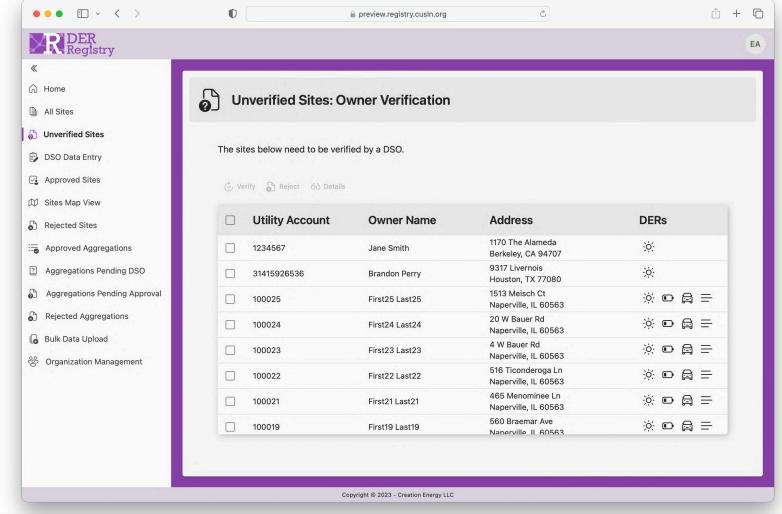
#### DSO Home

• When DSO logs in



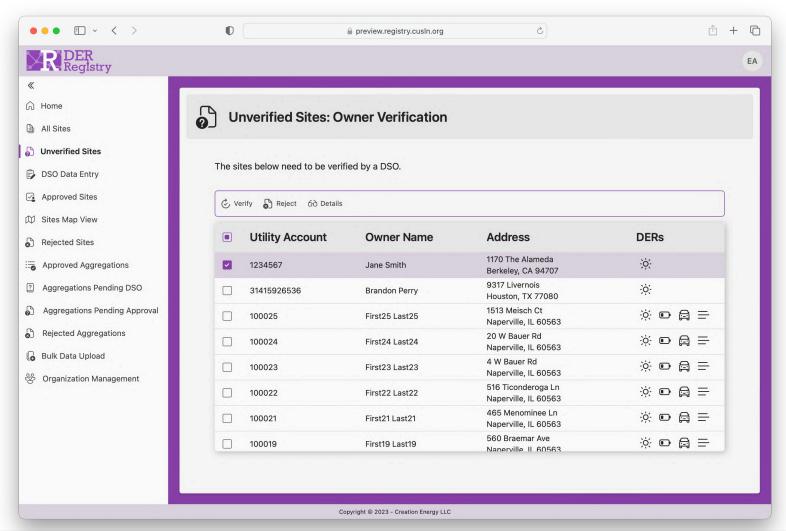
#### DSO Unverified Sites

 DSO can access this view by clicking the notification on the home screen or selecting the "Unverified Sites" tab



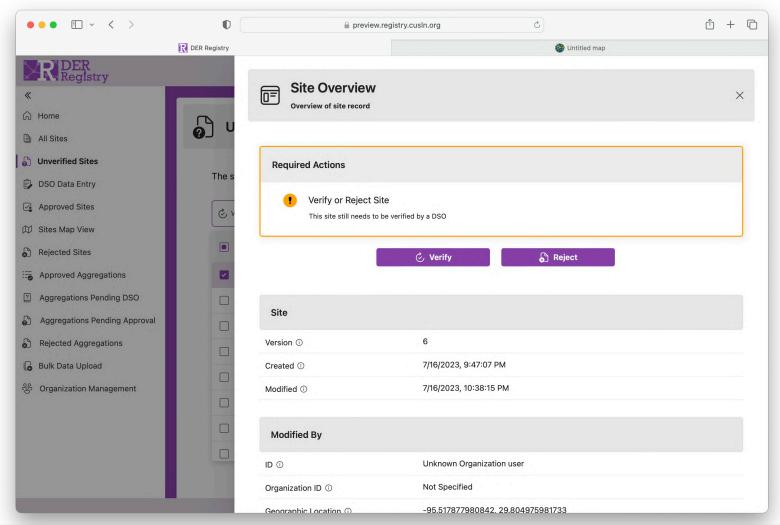
#### DSO Unverified Sites

 DSO can select a site to view, verify or reject



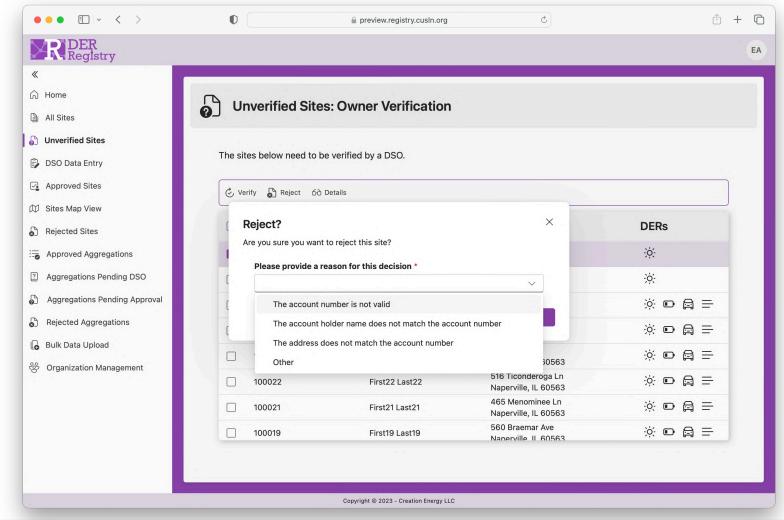
#### DSO Unverified Site Details

 DSO can see site details and can verify or reject site



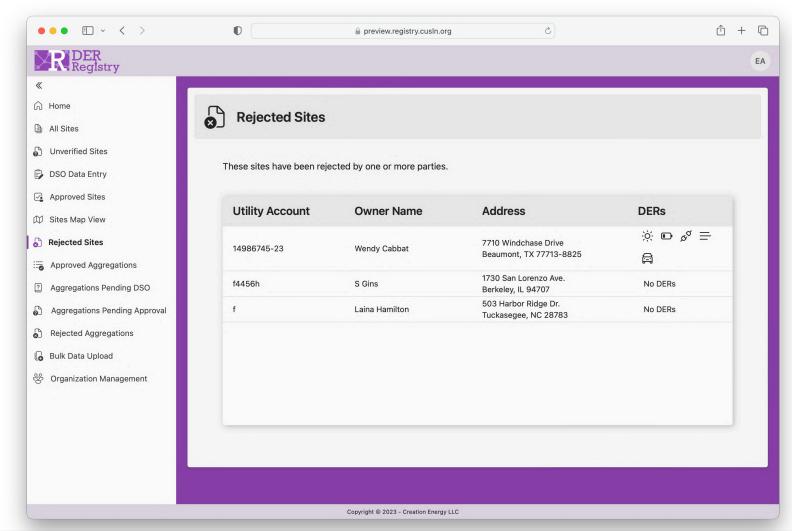
# DSO Reject Site

- If DSO choses to reject site, they must provide a reason
- CUS has a standard rejection list but can change or add additional reasons if **DSO** requests



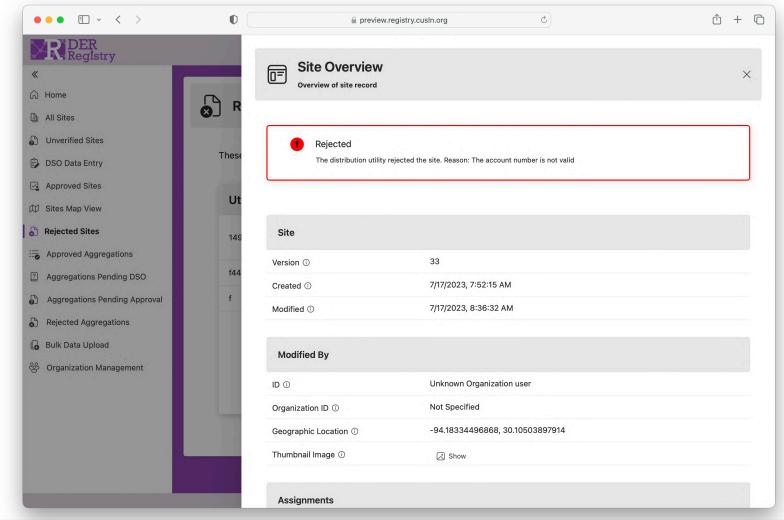
# DSO Reject Site

• Once a site is rejected, it can be seen in the "Rejected Sites" tab



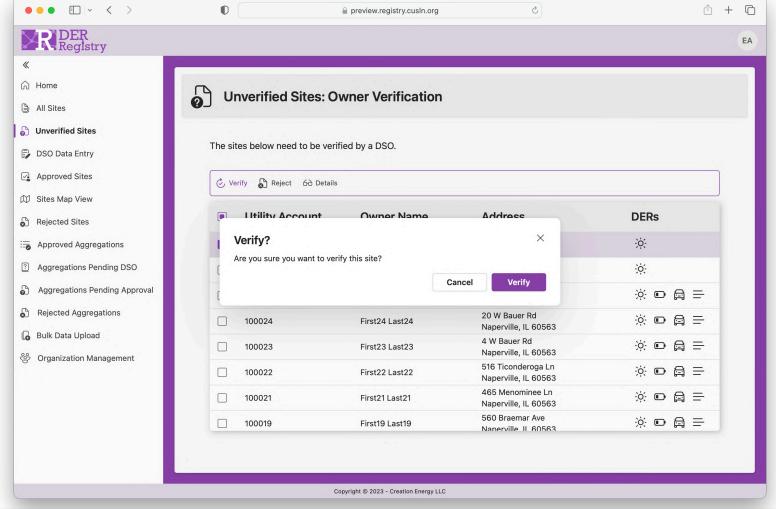
# DSO Reject Site

 Clicking on a site from the list of rejected sites shows the detail view. Notification on top shows the reason why the site was rejected.



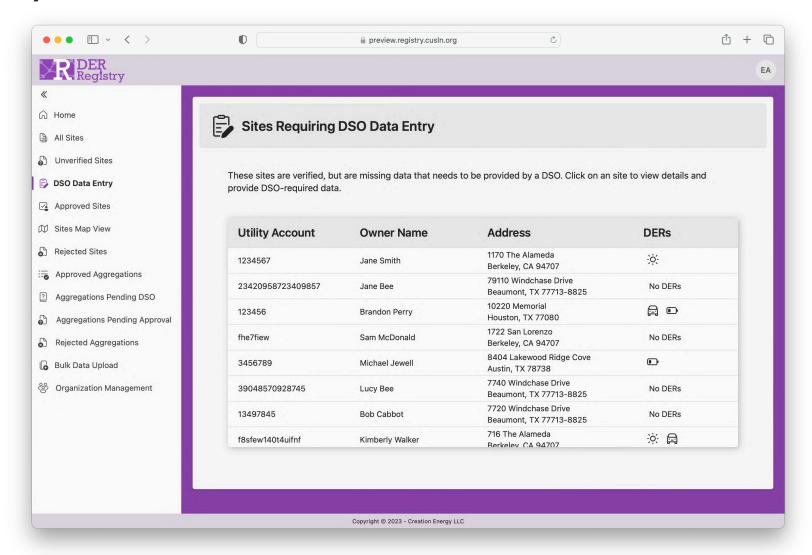
# DSO Verify Site

 When a DSO accepts a site as verified with accurate account name, account number and address, they are asked to confirm their verification before this step is finalized



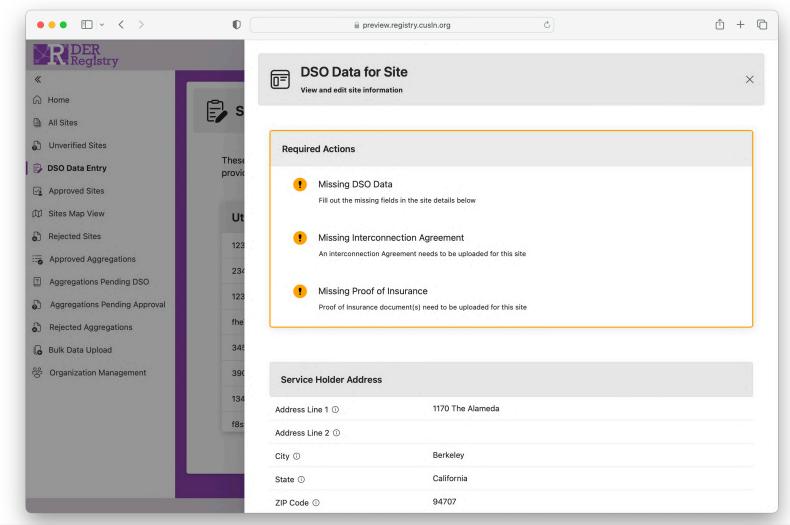
### DSO Data Entry

- Once a site has been verified, it requires DSO to enter additional information.
- This view can be accessed from the notification on the home page or the "DSO Data Entry" tab



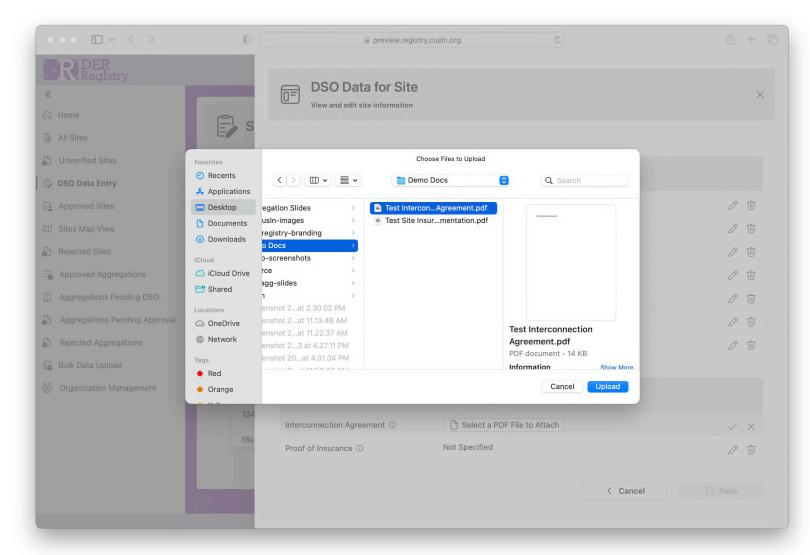
### DSO Data Entry

 When a site is selected, DSO can see site details and a notification bar that highlights required actions



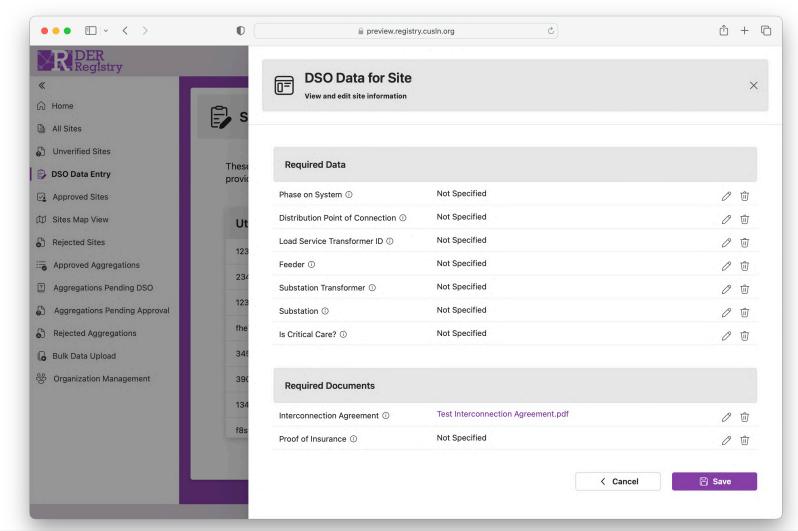
### DSO Upload Documents

 One example of data that a DSO can enter: interconnection agreement



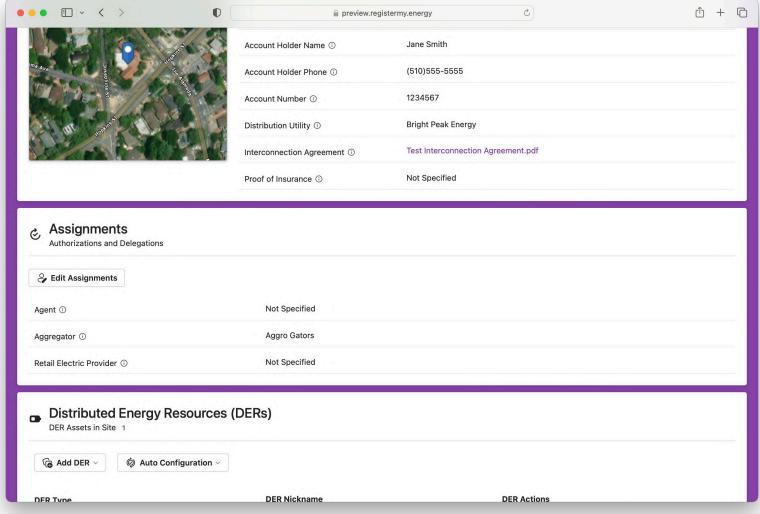
### DSO Upload Documents

 Document is now uploaded and available to be viewed or downloaded



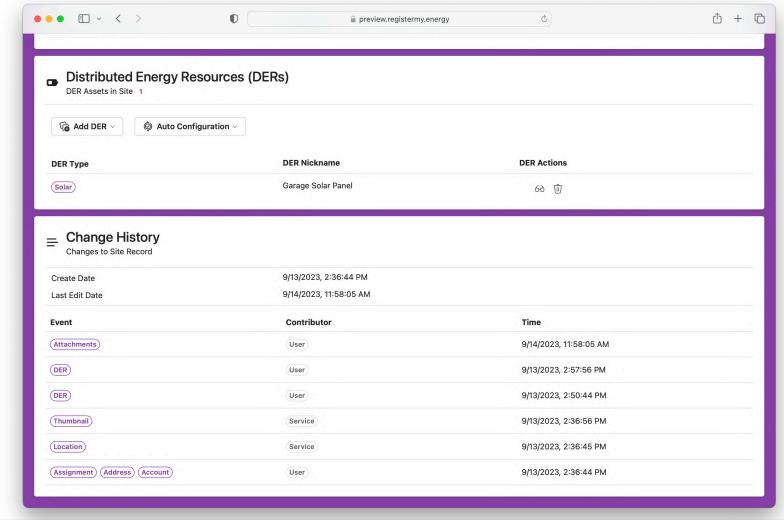
### Owner Site Updated

 Once a DSO uploads a document, it is visible to the owner as well, if applicable



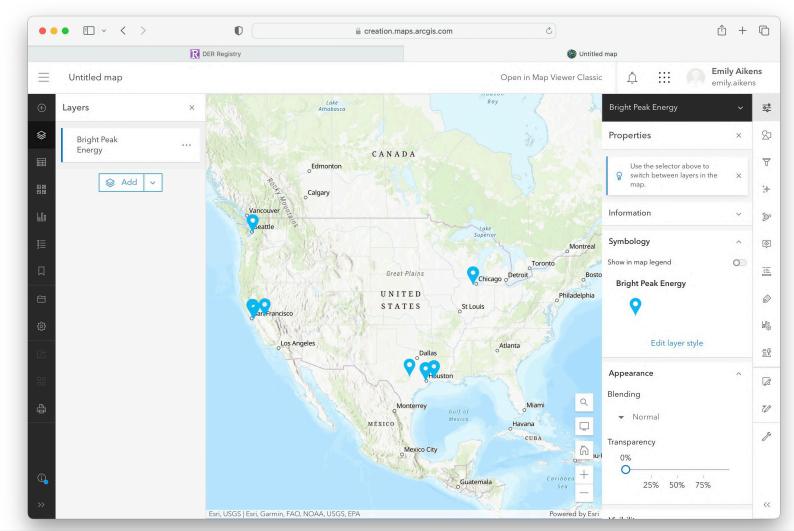
# Owner Site Change History

- Any DSO updates are visible in the Change History log
- Contributor currently "user" but this can be customized to be more detailed to the login name/user that entered the data



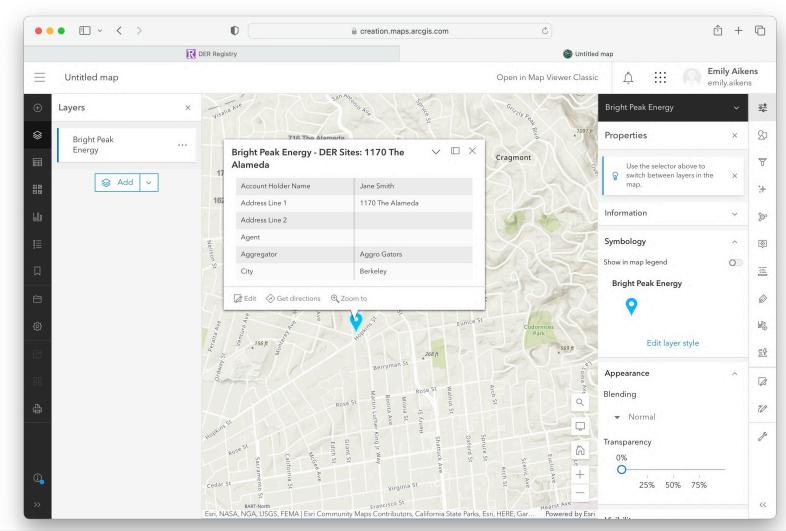
# Map View

• Through our partnership with ESRI, all sites may be viewed in a map view.



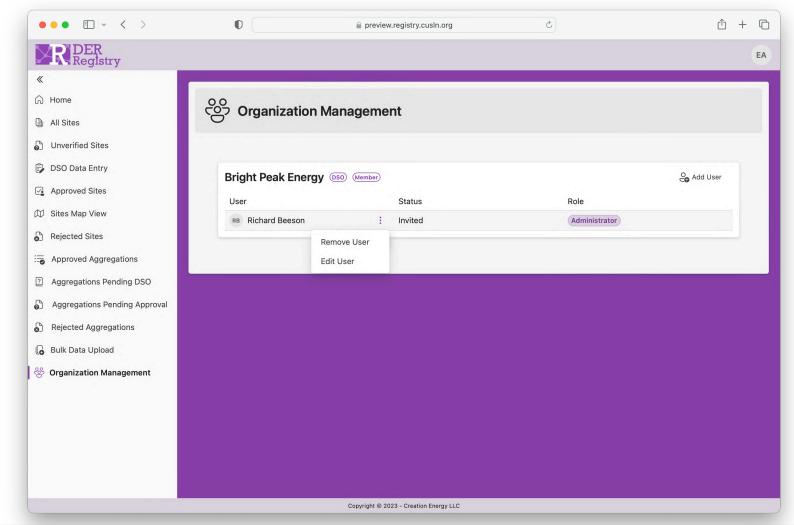
# Map View

 Individual sites can be selected in the map view to provide details for the site



# Organization Management

- The designated DSO admin for the member organization can add and delete members
- By utilizing corporate authentication in the registry, any employees who leave and no longer have an account will not be able to access the registry



### Bulk Data Upload

- Tools exist that allow a DSO to upload all historical DER information into the registry
- If customer name and email information is included, CUS can work with the DSO for a custom welcome letter for their customers to create accounts to see/manage their DERs

