

# Grid Interconnect and DSMC Best Practices

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# DSMC and Grid Interconnect Project Goals

## Objectives

### Optimize Cost

Optimize business processes and operations



### Common Platform

Improve business operations and support unified self-service tools

### Enhance Capabilities

Remove obsolete technology and design responsive to future changes

## Principles

### Contextual Solution

In depth knowledge of business processes and back office systems



### Right Team

Combines the right product, industry, and company knowledge



### Aligned Solution

Align with key initiatives like CIS re-platform and grid modernization programs

# Success Criteria

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## **Solution Setup**

- Single instance iEnergy platform installed and configured as SaaS environment
- Mock demo data utilized for Conference Room Pilot

## **Demonstrate Capabilities**

- Configurability of the workflow based on the user defined business process
- End-to-End DSM workflow for two programs – Prescriptive and Custom
- End-to-End Grid Interconnection workflow for two tariffs – WDAT and NEM-GMA

## **Discovery**

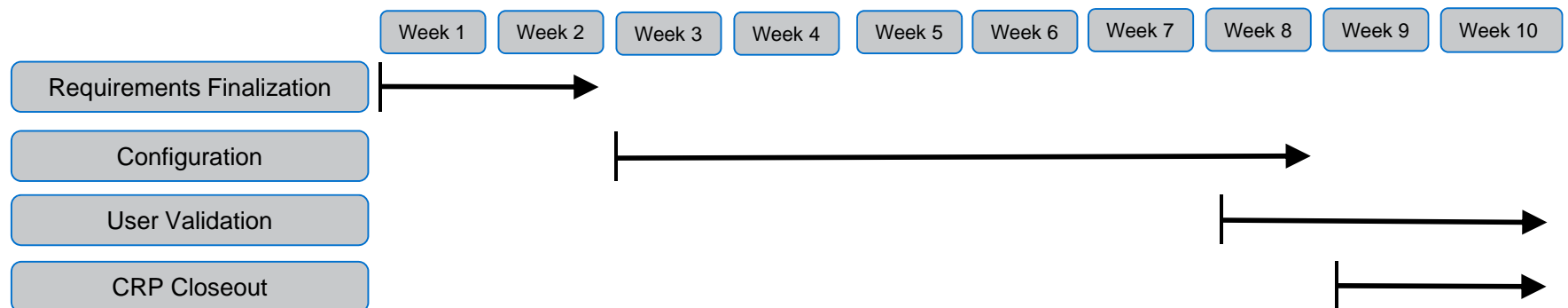
- Document evaluation comments/defects and identified resolution path
- List of outstanding processes, functionality, data issues, and potential gaps
- Proposed a feasible architecture for the Grid Interconnection / DSM initiative

# Scope and Timeline

## Scope

- Conduct Requirements Verification Workshops
- Provision, Setup, and Configure iEnergy environment for CRP
- Conduct User Training sessions for DSM and Grid Interconnection to SMEs
- Configure iEnergy Platform for DSM, Grid Interconnection scenarios and use cases
- Configure Technical and Mock Integration scenarios
- Conduct showcase / demo workshops to review and refine configured scenarios
- Support SMEs during hands-on validation of the configured iEnergy Platform
- Conduct close-out presentation, gap analysis, and complete closure document

## Timeline



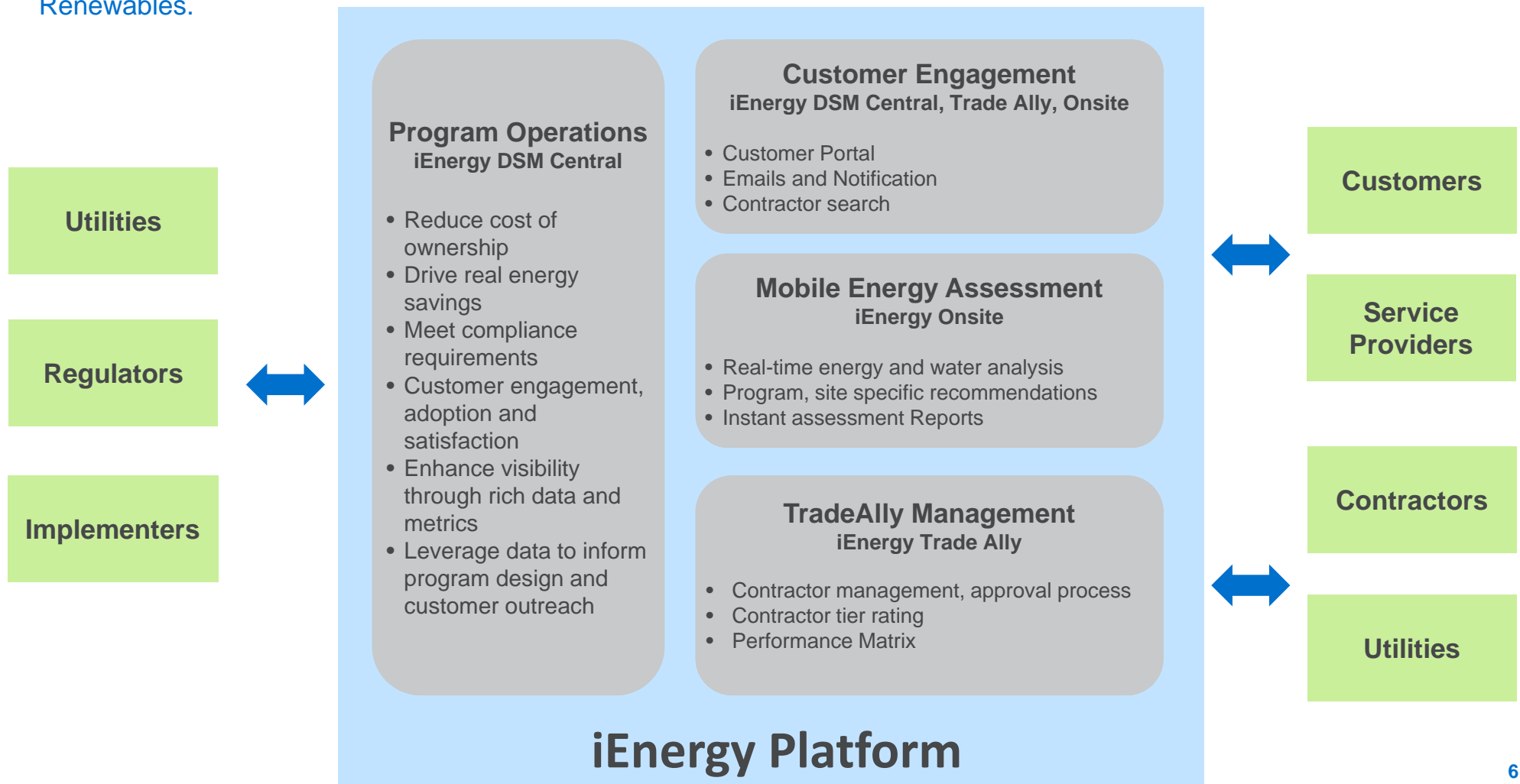
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# **Demand Side Management**

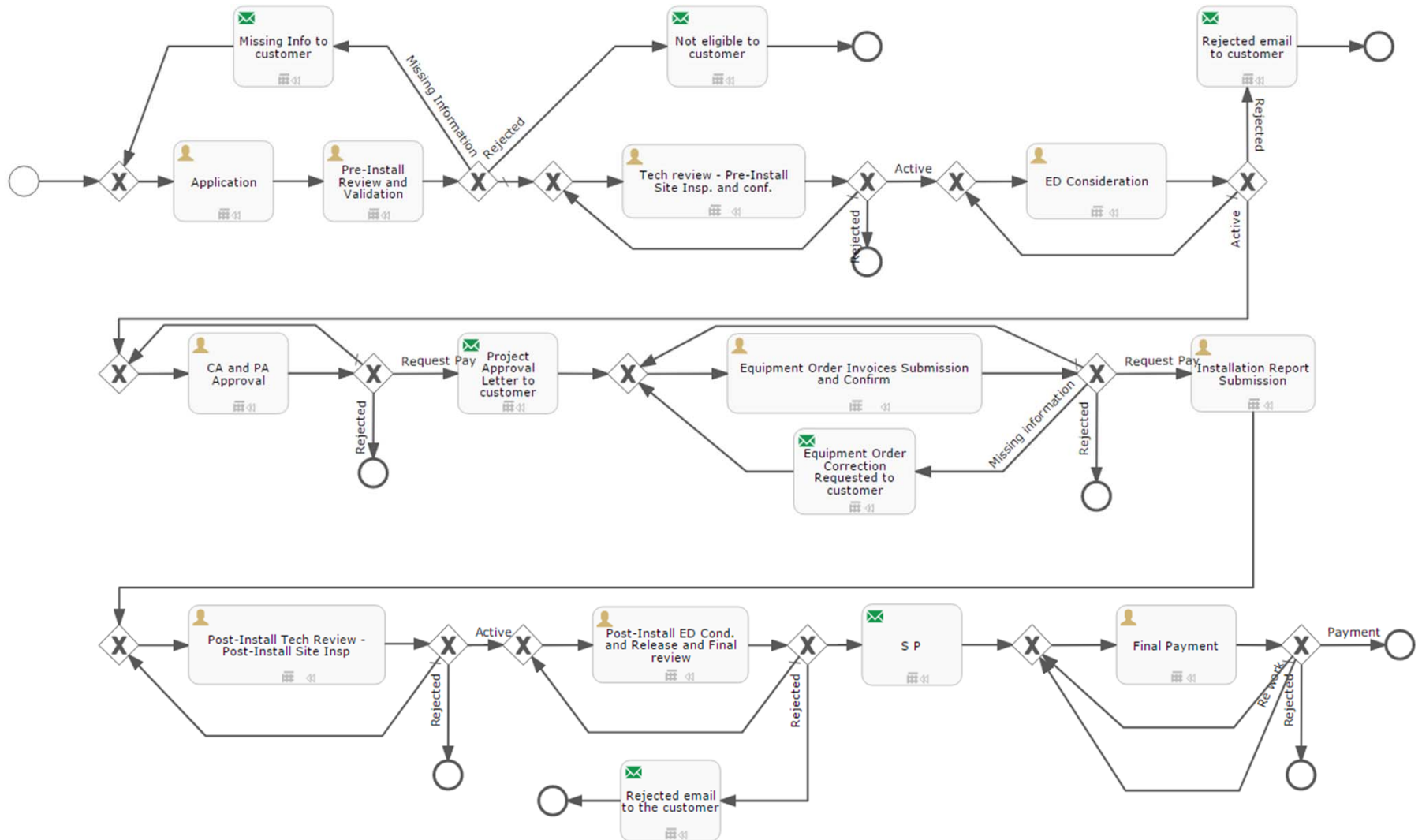
## **iEnergy Case Study**

# DSMC Solution Overview

Nexant iEnergy is a purpose-built, highly configurable data management, analytics and customer engagement platform that allows utilities to efficiently manage the business processes related to Energy Efficiency, Demand Response and Renewables.



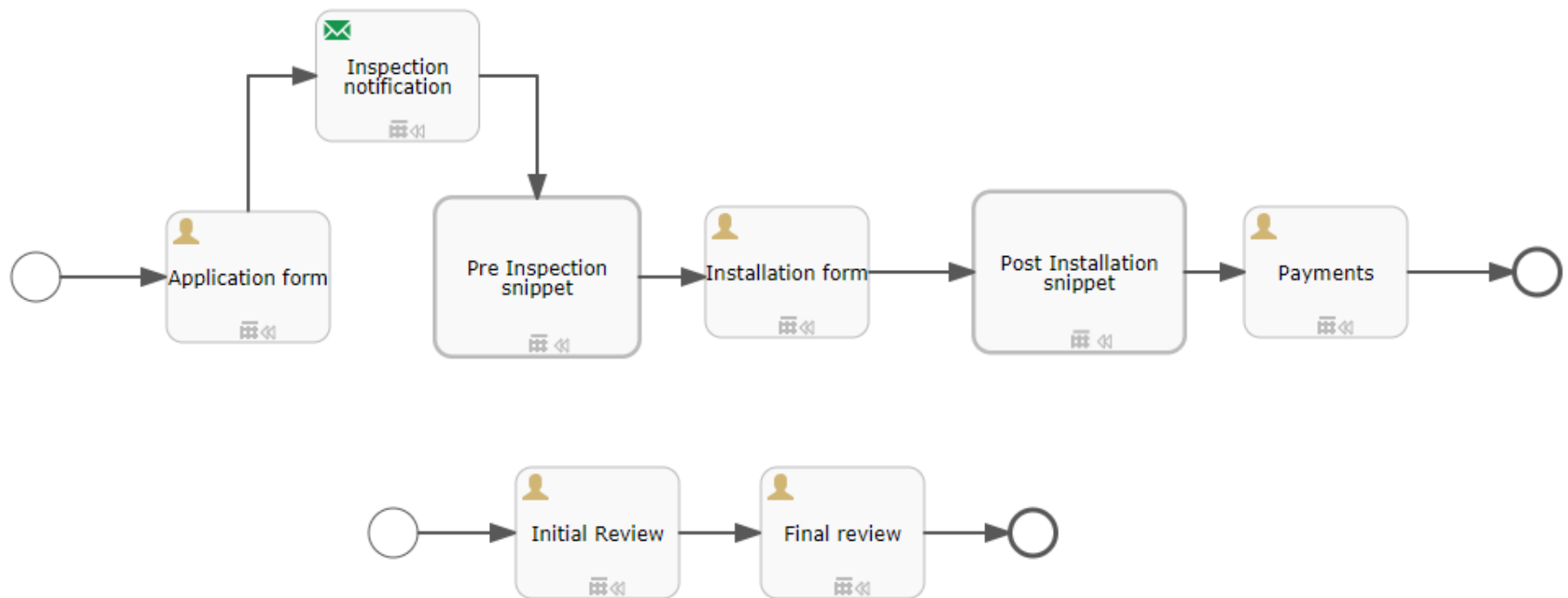
# DSMC Process Workflow – Sample



# Best Practices using New Features

## Workflow Modifications

- Snippets - Reuse the sections (inspections, Milestone payments) of the workflow in smart way
- Reduces maintenance, form configurations
- Modifications to in-progress projects



# Best Practices using New Features

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## Formula Functions

- Use formula functions for complex calculations(dates, conditional cases, random numbers, duplicate checks)
- Use formula function to remove dependency on tokens; reuse in all forms
  - `AttributeValueByLabel("name")`

## Data Extract for Reuse

- Current Reporting tool does not address all the data extraction needs.
- Extraction on filters(program, status, creation dates)
- One click, real time, script based extract for future need

# DSMC Business Process Steps – Sample

Calculated hybrid program **COMPLETED**

Last Updated Date : Sep 13 2017, 2:19 PM PDT

Customer Info : CUSTOMER COMPANY NAME 800099999

222 ANY ST,SANTA ANA,CA,92701,USA

Site : 222 ANY ST,SANTA ANA,CA,92701,USA

Tracking Number: **00000122706**

Application Status: **Request Payment**

Submit Date: 09/13/2017

## ▼ Tasks

|  |           |                           |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|
| Application  | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 9:48 AM PDT  |
| Pre-Install Review and Validation                  | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 10:44 AM PDT |
| Tech review - Pre-Install Site Insp. and conf.     | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 12:06 PM PDT |
| ED Consideration                                   | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 12:13 PM PDT |
| CA and PA Approval                                 | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 12:36 PM PDT |
| Equipment Order Invoices Submission and Confirm    | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 1:30 PM PDT  |
| Installation Report Submission                     | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 2:01 PM PDT  |
| Post-Install Tech Review - Post-Install Site Insp  | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 2:12 PM PDT  |
| Post-Install ED Cond. and Release and Final review | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 2:18 PM PDT  |
| Final Payment                                      | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 2:19 PM PDT  |

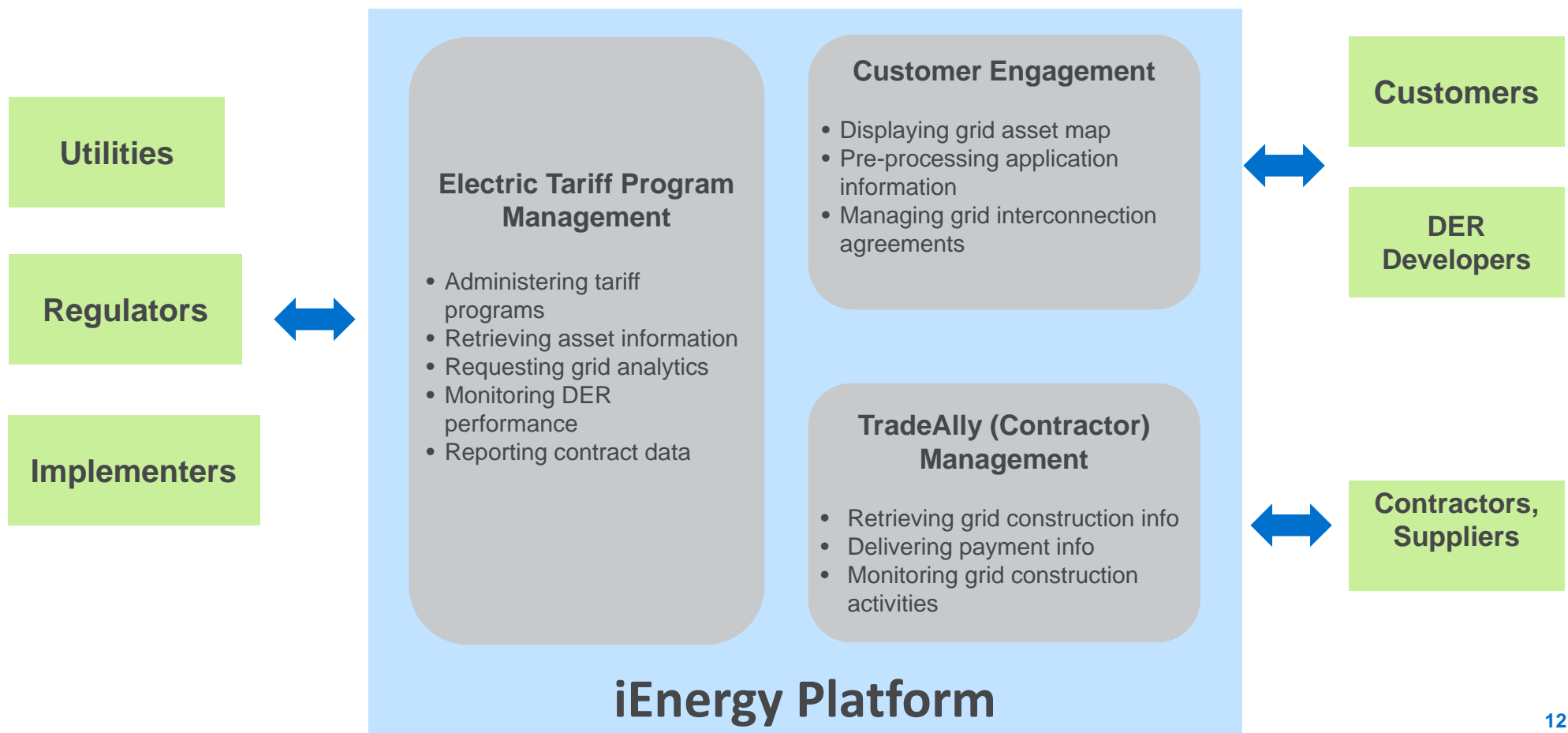
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# **Grid Interconnection**

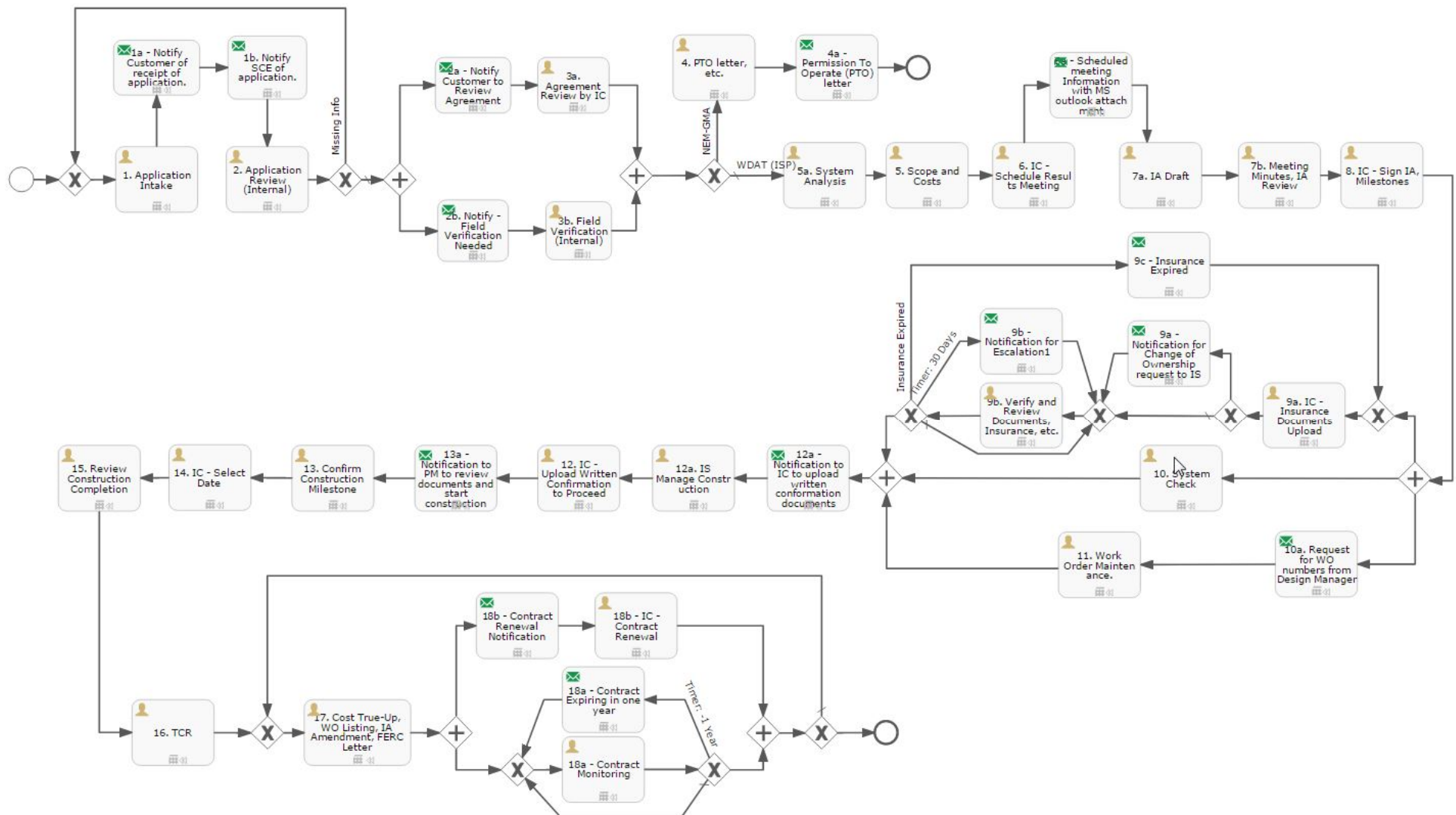
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# Grid Interconnect Solution Overview

Nexant iEnergy is a purpose-built, highly configurable data management, analytics and customer engagement platform that allows utilities to efficiently manage the business processes related to grid-connected distributed energy resources (DER), including but not limited to energy efficiency, demand response, renewables, distributed generation, EV, and storage.



# Grid Interconnect Process Workflow – Sample



# Grid Interconnect Business Process Steps – Sample

## Eligible Rebates & Incentives

Programs (4)

My Applications (10)

Sort By:

Last Updated Date ↓

Tracking Number

Program Name

All

Choose Application Status

Grid Interconnection Program for CRP

INPROGRESS

Last Updated Date : Sep 25 2017, 4:45 PM PDT

Customer Info : CUSTOMER COMPANY NAME 8000000001

1401 E WARNER AVE,SANTA ANA,CA,92705

Site : 1401 E WARNER AVE,SANTA ANA,CA,92705

Tracking Number: 00000122004

Application Status: **Approved**

Submit Date: 09/13/2017

Tasks

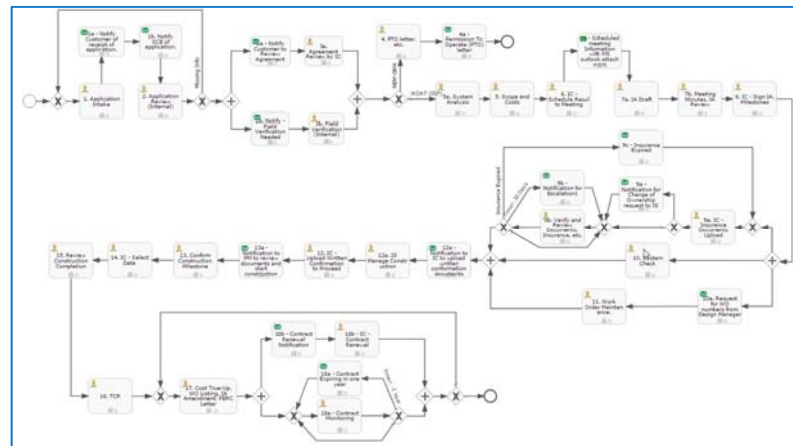
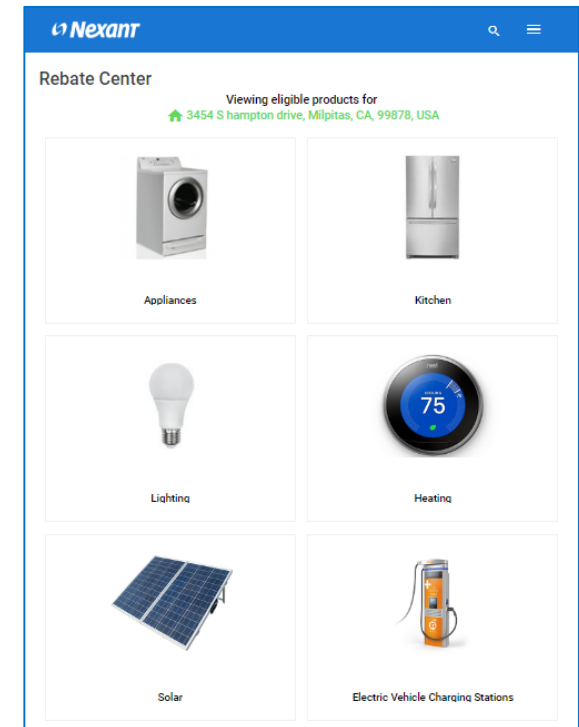
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| 1. Application Intake                           | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 4:54 AM PDT |
| 3a. Agreement Review by IC                      | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 5:35 AM PDT |
| 6. IC - Schedule Results Meeting                | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 5:40 AM PDT |
| 8. IC - Sign IA, Milestones                     | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 6:13 AM PDT |
| 9a. IC - Insurance Documents Upload             | Completed | Sep 13 2017, 6:56 PM PDT |
| 12. IC - Upload Written Confirmation to Proceed | Completed | Sep 20 2017, 3:16 PM PDT |
| 14. IC - Select Date                            | Completed | Sep 20 2017, 3:17 PM PDT |

# iEnergy + Grid360 Interconnection Process

## Manage the solar/storage/EV/DR interconnection process

- Public User Interface
- Engineering Studies
- Contracting
- Construction
- Financial Settlement/Closeout

1. Customer requests adding solar/storage/EV/DR at a existing or new location in iEnergy
2. Grid360 DA calculates hosting capacity (existing + queued + forecasted load and generation + reserve capacity) and impacts on loading percentage, voltage, and unbalance
3. iEnergy presents results to the customer and is used to continue the interconnection process



# Questions?

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