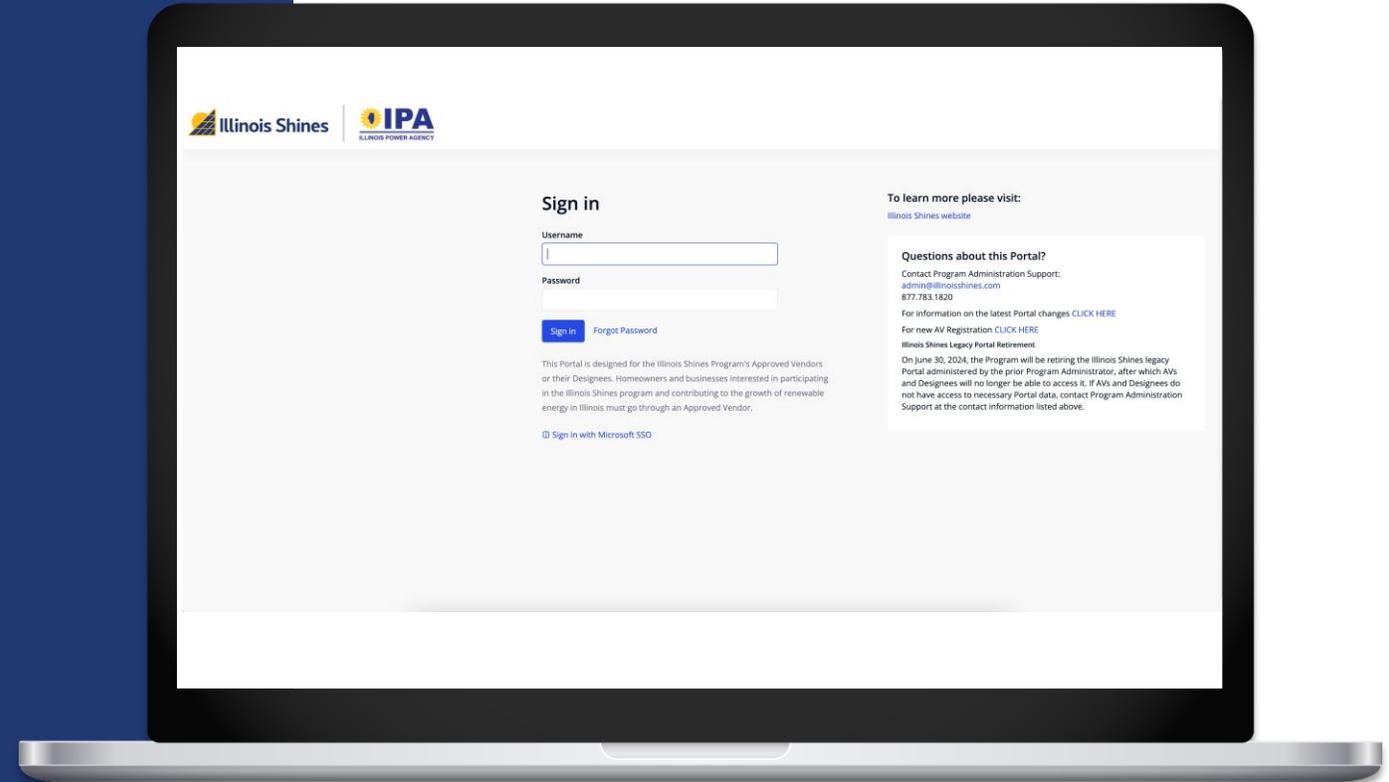




Illinois Shines Portal Help Guides: Part II Applications

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Please note: The Project Applications functionality is only available to Approved Vendors (AVs).



1. What is a Project Application?



What is a Project Application?

A project application summarizes the information that is needed to assign the project to a block of capacity. The block assignment sets the REC price for the project.

The application process has two parts:



Part I: May be completed when the project is in the planning stage and collects information on a system's planned technical aspects including but not limited to size, estimated REC production, equipment, and installation company.



Part II: Completed to confirm the project's final specification only when a project has been completed and energized. Only systems that have a completed and verified Part I application that is subsequently approved as part of a batch by the ICC may submit the Part II application.



What can I do in the Portal?

AVs can submit Part I and Part II applications.



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New DG Project Application

Project Name:

Project Application ID:

Disclosure Form ID:

Vendor ID:

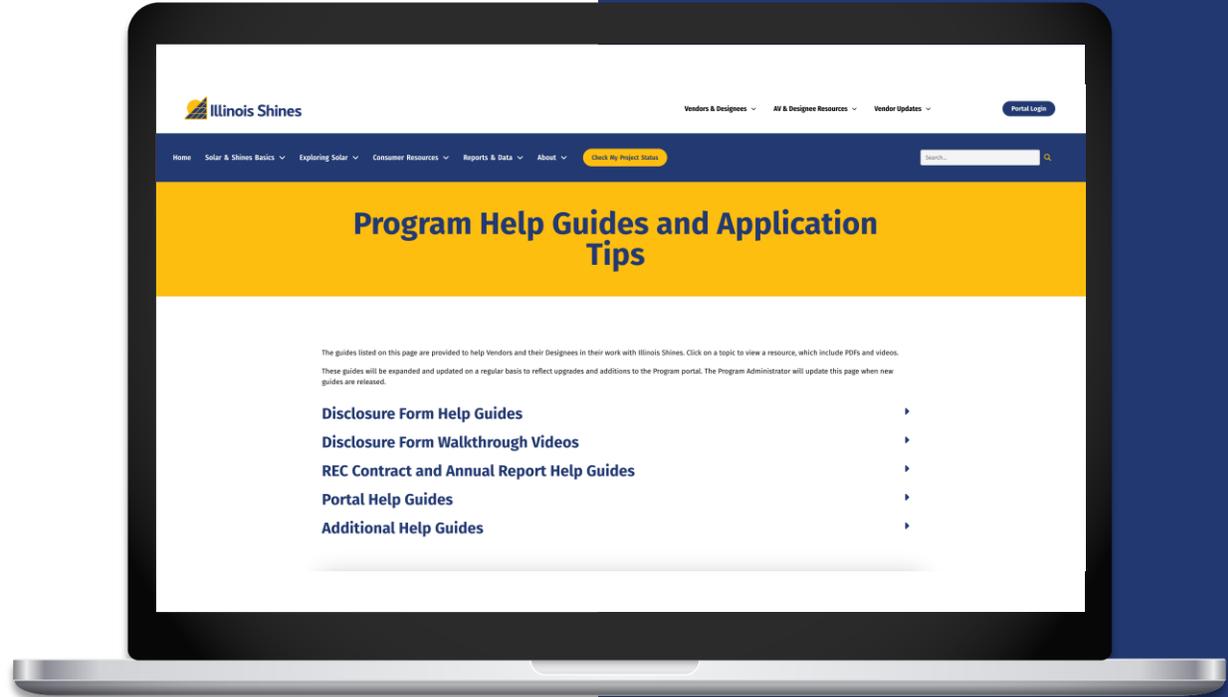
Vendor Name:

We're Continually Updating...

Part II Apps are now accessible on the portal!
We've updated this guide since the pre-release early preview to reflect what's now available.

Visit our help page for the latest resources at any time:

illinoisabp.com/portal-help



Please note that all screenshots and information in this guide are subject to change. We'll do our best to update you as the portal evolves.

Where Can I Find the Guidelines?

Please see Section 5: Project Applications of the [Program Guidebook](#) for additional information on project application guidelines.

Program Guidebook

Illinois Shines (Adjustable Block Program)

Released April 18, 2024*



*Updated to conform with the ICC's Final Order on the IPA's 2024 Long-Term Plan dated February 20, 2024 (Docket 23-0714) NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR



2. Dashboard Overview



Getting Started: Logging In

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Step 1: In your browser, navigate to portal.illinoisabp.com.

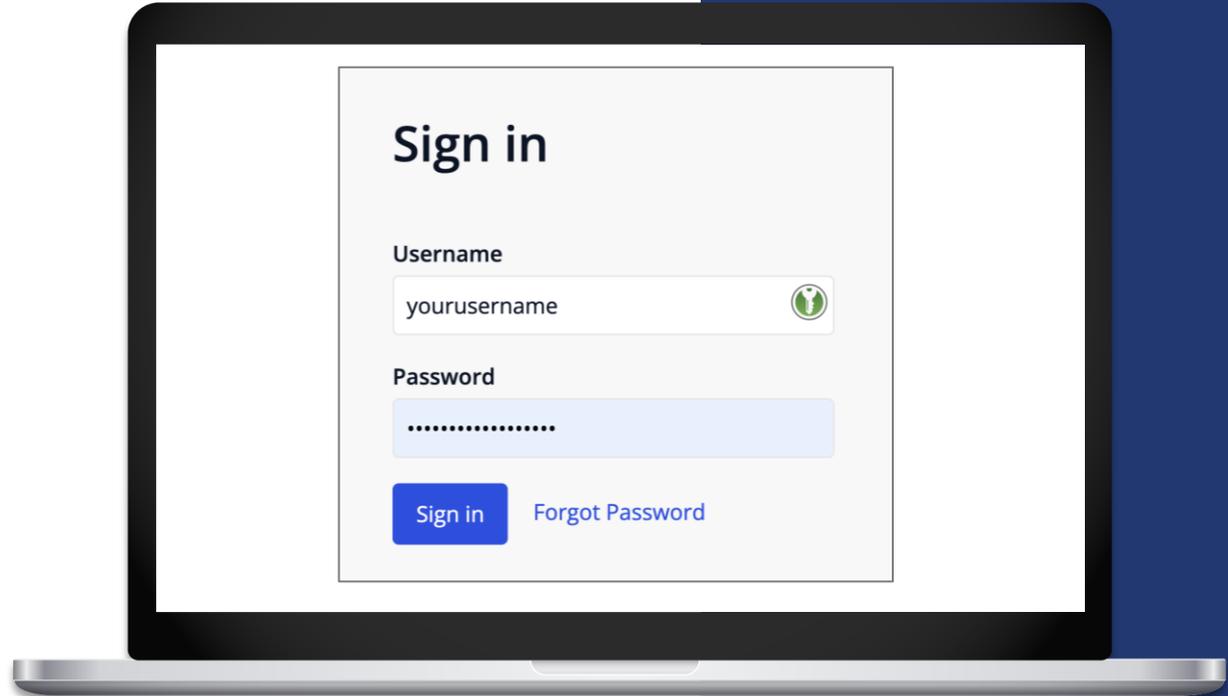
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Step 2: Enter your registered username and password.

- Usernames are case-sensitive.
- If you don't remember your password, select the "*Forgot Password*" link and follow the prompts.
- Contact Support for further help at admin@illinoisshines.com or (877) 783-1820

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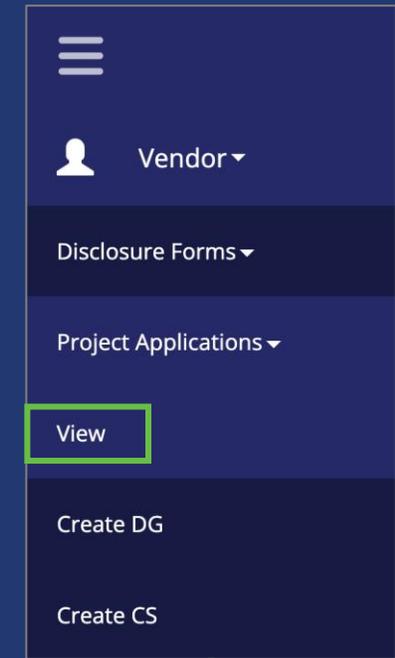
Step 3: Select "Sign In" to be taken to your Dashboard.



Getting Started: Viewing your Project Applications

- 1** **Step 1:** In the **left** menu, expand the Vendor role and then the “*Project Applications*” functionality. Then select the “*View*” task.
- 2** **Step 2:** (If prompted) Select a Vendor from the list in the pop-up window. When it’s highlighted, select the “*Proceed*” button.

i Note: Some AVs may be taken directly to the View task without seeing the pop-up.



Updated: Your Application Dashboard

The Applications dashboard includes three new columns to describe multiple application stages: Part 2 Status, Batch Status, and Batch ID. Part 1 and Part 2 now have separate Action buttons.

The screenshot shows the 'Project Applications' dashboard. At the top, there are two buttons: 'New DG Project Application' and 'New CS Project Application'. Below these are search bars for 'Vendor ID', 'Project Type', 'Disclosure ID', 'Project Application ID', and 'Project Name'. There are also dropdown menus for 'Part 1 Status' and 'Part 2 Status'. The main table lists two applications: 'Test Project A' (Submitted) and 'Test Project B' (InProgress). Each application has a 'View Application' or 'Edit Application' button. A callout box at the bottom right points to the 'View Application' button, indicating it is a 'List of previously created Part I Apps'. Other callouts point to the search bars, the status dropdowns, and the 'View Application' button.

Shortcuts to other tasks

Search bars: filter by column criteria

Toggle sort order

Toggle column visibility

Project Applications

New DG Project Application New CS Project Application

Vendor ID	Project Type	Disclosure ID	Project Application ID	Project Name	Part 1 Status	Part 2 Status	Action
4	DG	245942	90000	Test Project A	Submitted		View Application
4	CS		68041	Test Project B	InProgress		Edit Application

List of previously created Part I Apps

“Part 2 Status” Meanings

These statuses are set as an AV moves a project through the Part II process:

Status	Meaning
(Blank)	A Part II application cannot be started because a Part I application has not been submitted.
Ready	Ready to start a Part II application.
In Progress	Part II application is ready to start, or has been started but not submitted.
Submitted	Part II app was completed, submitted to the PA, and is now view-only.

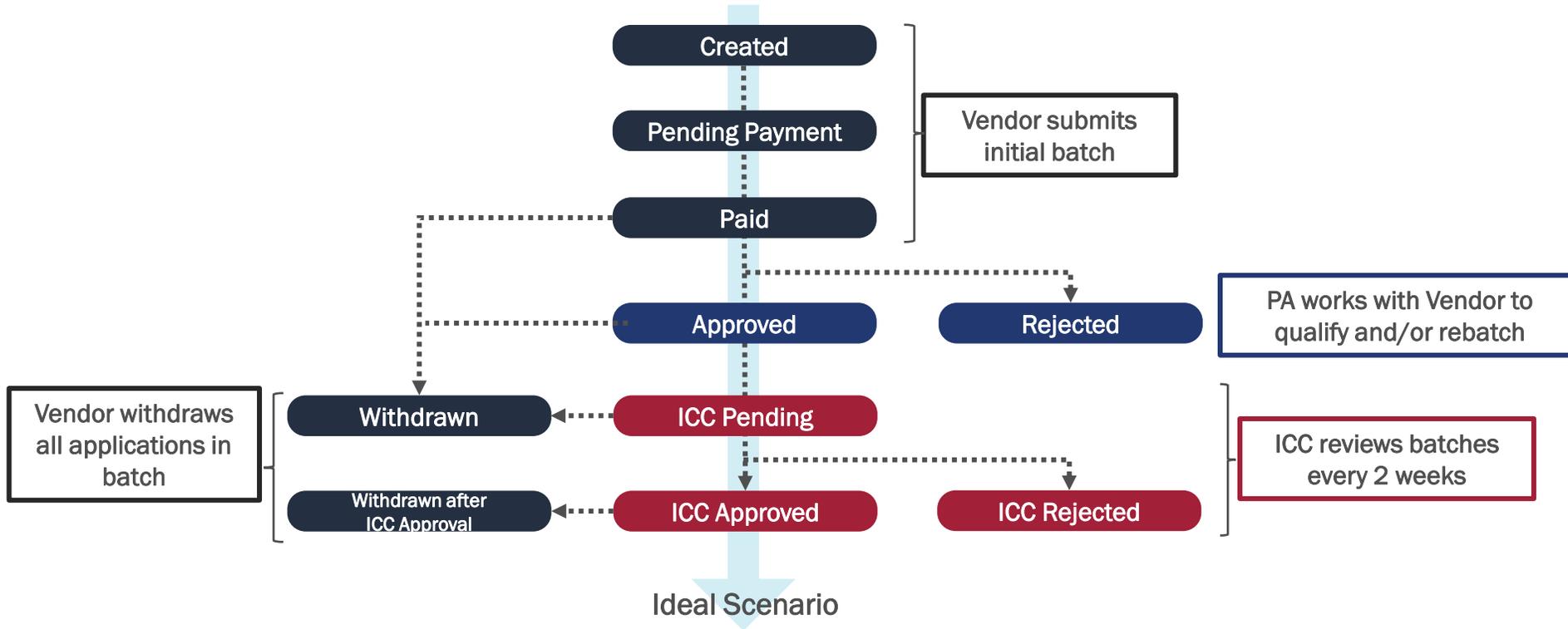
“Part 2 Status” Meanings

These statuses will be set as the PA reviews Part II apps:

Label	What to enter
Need Info	PA has requested more information in order to verify the project.
Verified	PA has verified the project.
Reviewed	Project/batch has been reviewed by the ICC PA (or "PA has completed initial review, but application is not ready to move forward")
Technical Review	The application is undergoing a technical review.

“Batch Status” Meanings

These statuses are set as a project moves through the batching process:



For more information, download our [Batching Guide](#).



3. Starting or Resuming an Application



Starting or Resuming a New Part II Application

1 **Step 1:** From the Project Applications > **View task**, find the project you want to work on (use the search bars if it helps). Select the “*Edit*” button under the “Part 2 Status” column. You’ll be taken to the Part II menu for that project.

The screenshot shows the 'Project Applications' interface. At the top, there are two buttons: 'New DG Project Application' and 'New CS Project Application'. Below these are several filter fields: 'Vendor ID', 'Project Name', 'Part 1 Status', 'Part 2 Status', 'Batch Status', and 'Batch ID'. The 'Project Name' field contains the text 'Ab'. The 'Part 2 Status' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Created' and 'Submitted' options. Below the filters is a table with two rows of project data. The first row is for 'Test Project A' and the second for 'Test Project B'. Both rows show 'Submitted' status in the 'Part 1 Status' column and 'Created' status in the 'Part 2 Status' column. The 'Edit' button is highlighted in a green box, and a green callout box labeled 'Edit' points to it.

Vendor ID	Project Name	Part 1 Status	Part 2 Status	Batch Status	Batch ID
4	Test Project A	Submitted	Created	ICC Approved	21547
4	Test Project B	Submitted	Created	Submitted	21597

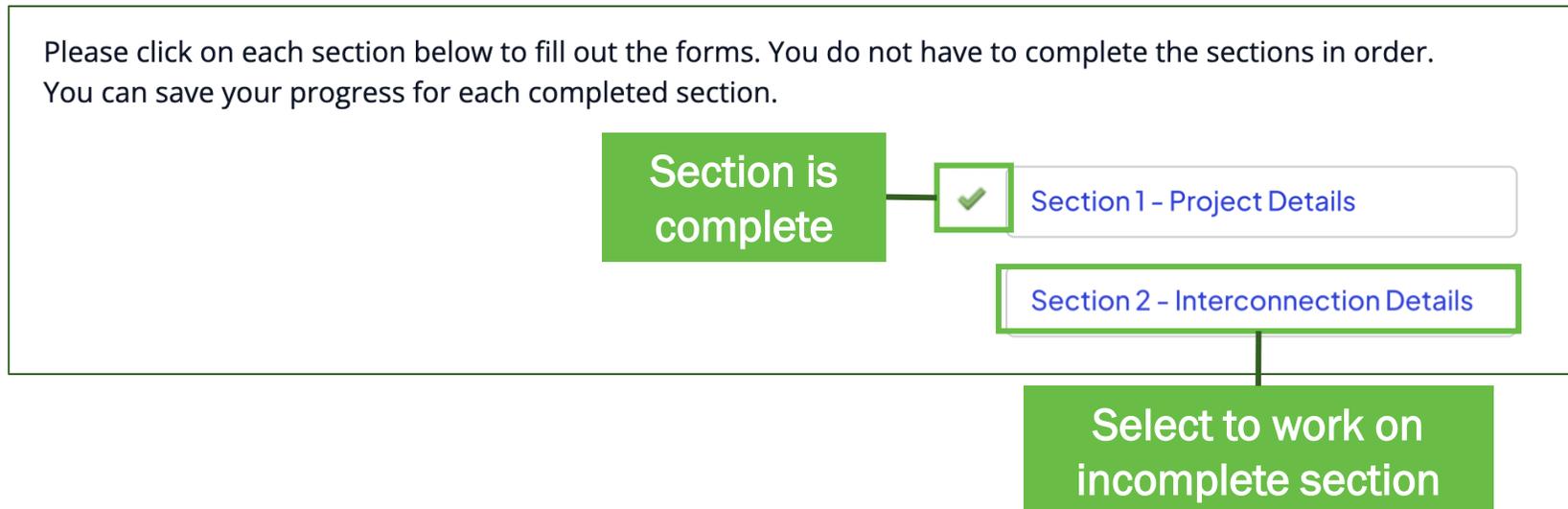
Part II Application Menu Page

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Step 2: When you create or resume a Part II App, you'll be brought to a "Part II Application" menu page. The "Exit Application" button at the **top right** takes you back to the Project Applications > **View** task.



Use the "Section #" buttons to work on each section. The green check mark (✓) appears in front of a button once you've completed that section.



Navigating the Part II Application: General Tips

The **right** sidebar contains tips on how to fill out each section.

Completed (✓) sections appear locked. To re-edit your entries before submitting the App, select the “*Revisit*” button at the **bottom** of the page.

The screenshot displays the 'Part II Application Review' interface. At the top, a progress bar shows five steps: Section 1 (highlighted in blue), Section 2, Section 3, Section 4, and Documents. Below the progress bar, the main content area is titled 'Part II Application Review' and contains the question: 'Does this system still match the information submitted in Part 1? *'. Underneath, there are three sections: 'Arrays', 'Production Details', and 'REC Details'. At the bottom of the main content area, there are three buttons: 'Exit Without Saving' (white), 'Cancel Changes' (red), and 'Save and Continue' (blue). A sidebar on the right side of the page is highlighted with a green border and contains the following content: 'Help' (with a subtext: 'If there were any changes from the project from what was submitted in Part 1, selecting "No" will allow you to update the application.'), 'Section 1: System Details', and 'Module Power Rating' (with a subtext: 'This is the size in watts of each solar PV module in the array.').



4. Project Details

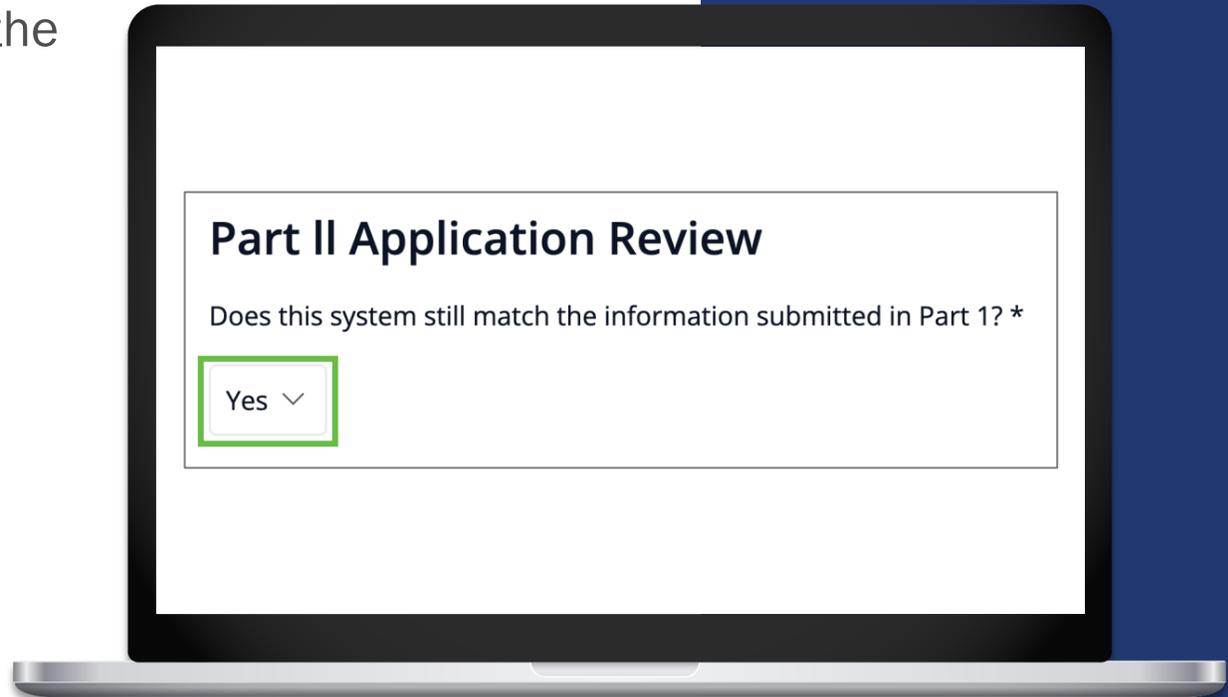


Section 1 – Project Details

This section covers array orientations, production (total output, inverter size/efficiency, etc.), and capacity factor/REC estimates. The portal will automatically fill the form with your previous entries.

1 **Step 1:** If these details are still the same as described in Part I, use the dropdown on this question to select “Yes”. You will not be able to edit any of the fields.

If you need to update or add to your previous entries, select “No”.



Part II Application Review

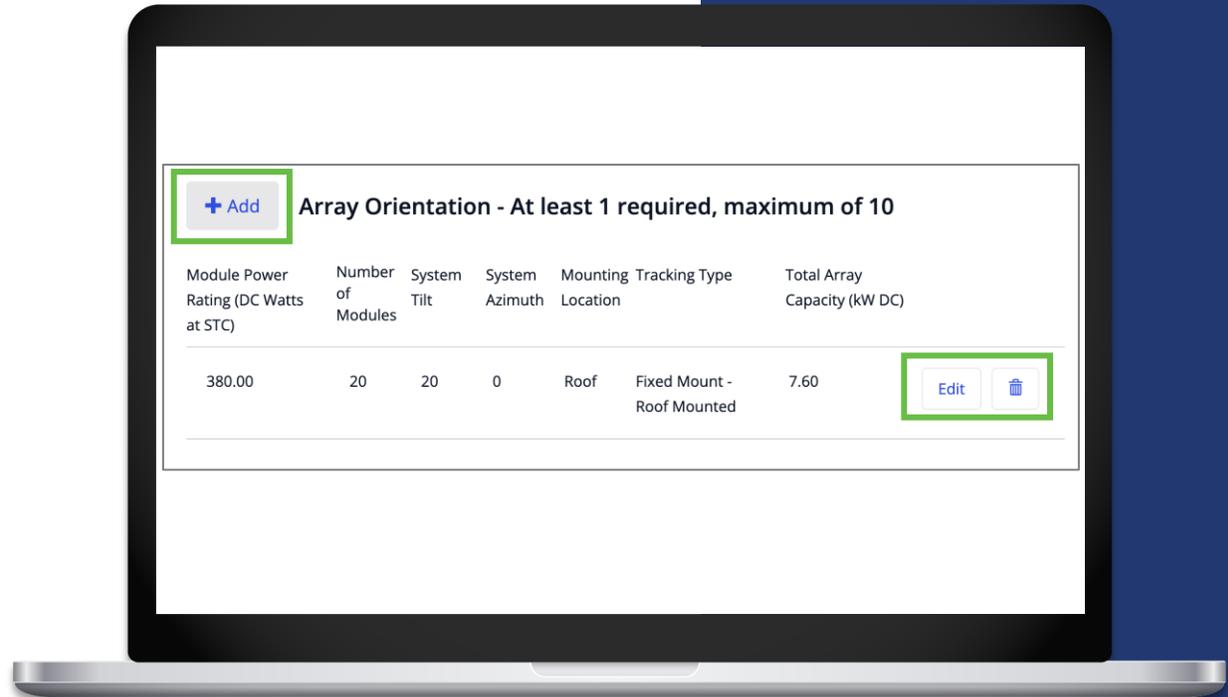
Does this system still match the information submitted in Part 1? *

Yes ▾

Section 1 - Arrays

If you selected “No” and are making updates:

- 2** **Step 2:** The array orientation table is the same as you saw in Section 4 of the Part I App. Use the “Add”, “Edit”, or “Delete”  buttons as many times as you need to update the list.
- “Add” and “Edit” will open a pop-up window so you can enter or change the array’s details (next page). Be careful when deleting an array – once it’s gone, it’s gone forever!



i **Reminder:** If there is a DC decrease between Part I and Part II exceeds the greater of 5% or 1 kW, an updated signed Disclosure Form is required.

Section 1 – Array Orientation

+ Add

Array Orientation - At least 1 required, maximum of 10

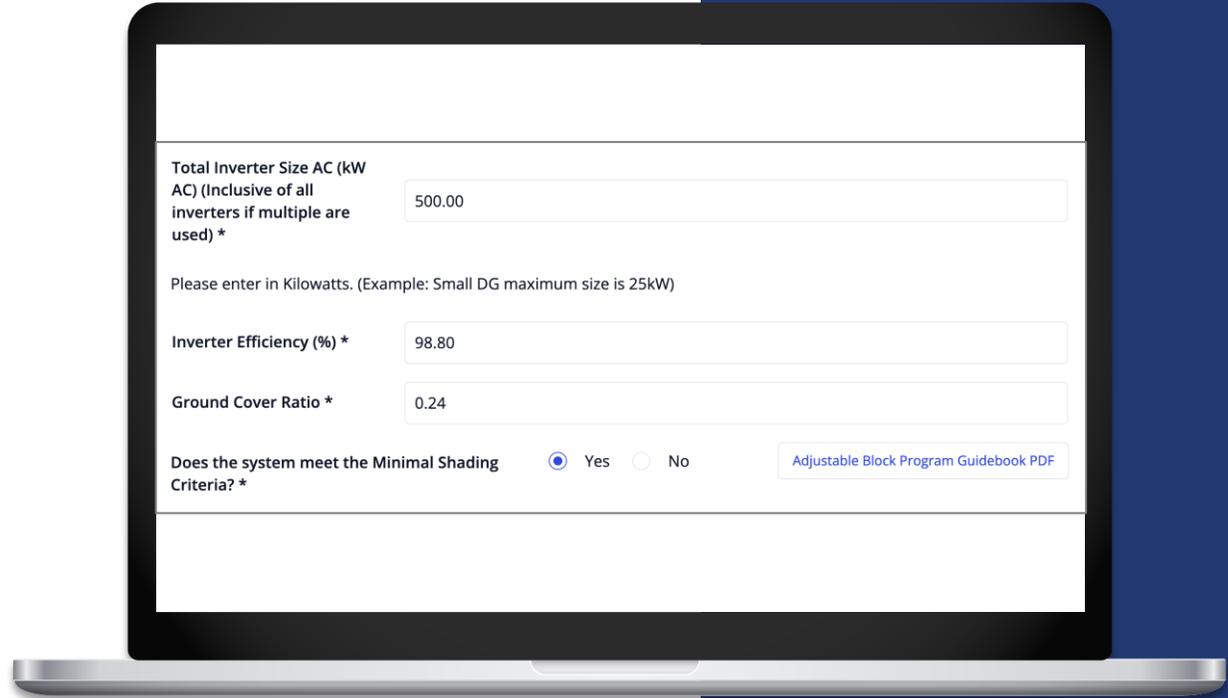
Add an Array Orientation (description) for each sub-group of PV modules with a particular power rating and/or physical orientation (tilt and/or azimuth angle). For example, if the project has one set of modules at 365 W and a second set at 400 W, you should add two entries (one for each set).

Label	What to enter
Module Power Rating DC	A number without labels, e.g., “380”
Number of modules	The number of panels in the group
System Tilt	A number in degrees (unlabeled) from 0 to 90 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tilts > 80 are subject to review and may require additional explanation
System Azimuth	A number in degrees (unlabeled) from 0 to 359 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Azimuths > 270 or < 90 subject to review and may require additional explanation
Mounting Location, Tracking Type	Use the radio buttons and dropdown to make consistent selections – for example, if you choose “Roof mounted” tracking, make sure the location is “Roof”
Bifacial panels?	If “Yes”, you must provide an alternative capacity factor in Section 5

Section 1 - Arrays

If you selected “No” and are making updates:

- 3** **Step 3:** Production details. These fields are the same as you saw in Section 4 of the Part I App (see next page).



The screenshot shows a laptop screen with a web form. The form contains the following fields and options:

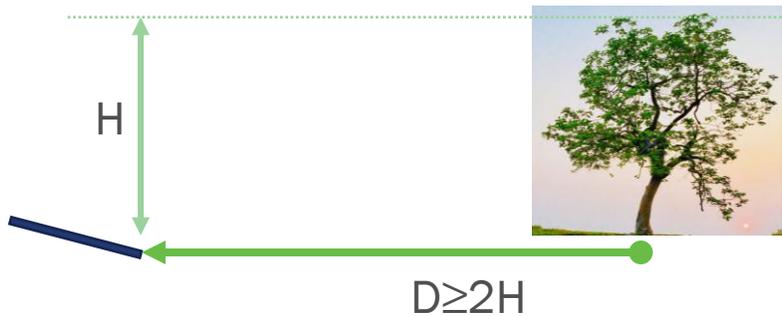
- Total Inverter Size AC (kW AC) (Inclusive of all inverters if multiple are used) ***: Input field with value 500.00
- Please enter in Kilowatts. (Example: Small DG maximum size is 25kW)**: Instructional text
- Inverter Efficiency (%) ***: Input field with value 98.80
- Ground Cover Ratio ***: Input field with value 0.24
- Does the system meet the Minimal Shading Criteria? ***: Radio button options for Yes (selected) and No
- [Adjustable Block Program Guidebook PDF](#): Link to a PDF document

i **Reminder:** If there was any change in the AC size between Part I and Part II exceeds the greater of 5% or 1 kW, an updated signed Disclosure Form is required.

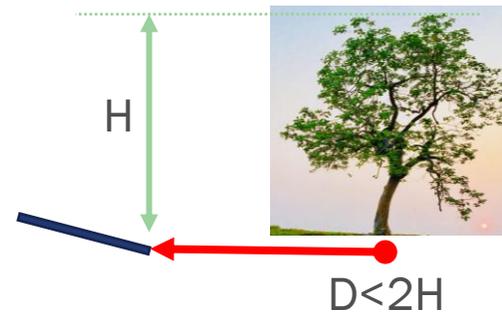
Section 1 - Arrays

Label	What to enter
Inverter size	Total of all inverters in kW AC up to 2 decimal places. After you fill out the Array orientations (last item), check that this number is equal to or less than the total capacity of all arrays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip: If the DC and/or AC size on the application exceeds the greater of 5% and 1kW than the DC and/or AC size listed in the Disclosure Form, a new Disclosure Form must be generated, signed, and included as an Additional Document in the application. A new DF is not necessary if the DF DC size is less than or equal to the DC size listed in the application.
Inverter efficiency (%)	A number with up to 2 decimal places (96.00 provided by default).
Ground cover ratio	A number between 0.01 and 0.99 (0.40 provided by default).
Minimal shading criteria	Answer "Yes" if no obstructions with a height "H" above the system are located within a distance "D" equal to twice the height (D=2H) from the system in all directions except North. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If "Yes", the system will be able to use a standard capacity factor in Section 5.

Meets minimal shading criteria



Does not meet minimal shading criteria



Section 1 – REC Estimate

If you selected “No” and are making updates:

4

Step 4: The REC Details are the same as you saw in Section 5 of the Part I App. First, select the button for the REC Estimate Methodology you want to use:

REC Estimate
Methodology *



PVWatts



Custom Capacity Factor

You must select “Custom Capacity Factor” if you have bifacial panels or did not meet the minimal shading criteria.

The portal will show you specific fields, depending on your choice.

In either case, the REC estimate is calculated by the portal according to the formula:

- *Year 1 Output x Length of REC Delivery Contract in Years (15 or 20) x Average Degradation Across Years of REC Contract*
- The result is rounded down to a whole number. See pg. 66 of the Program Guidebook to learn more.

Section 1 – REC Estimate

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Step 4: If you choose “PVWatts”, you’ll see:

The screenshot shows a web form with the following elements:

- A green callout box on the left with the text: "Label will depend on your actual contract term".
- An input field labeled "PV Watts Capacity Factor (%)" which is currently empty.
- An input field labeled "15 Year REC Estimate in MWh * (Calculated)" which contains the text "Calculated Automatically".
- An orange button labeled "Calculate" at the bottom left of the form, which is highlighted with a green border.

When you select “*Calculate*”, the portal will use the [NREL website](#) to recalculate the PVWatts Capacity Factor (%) using your updated information, and then use the result to update the REC Estimate.

Section 1 – REC Estimate

4

Step 4: If you choose “Custom Capacity Factor”, you’ll see:

Label will depend on your actual contract term	Explanation of Custom Capacity Factor *	<input type="text"/>	Cite the software program, standard method, or Professional Engineer who produced the CCF.
	Custom Capacity Factor (%) *	Example: for 50.5%, enter 50.5	Should be the average capacity factor over the contract term based on the inverter’s AC rating. Assume 0.5% annual degradation
	REC delivery custom amount over length of contract 15 yr MWh	Calculated Automatically	
	Compare Custom Estimate to PV Watts Estimate (%)	0.00	
	<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>		

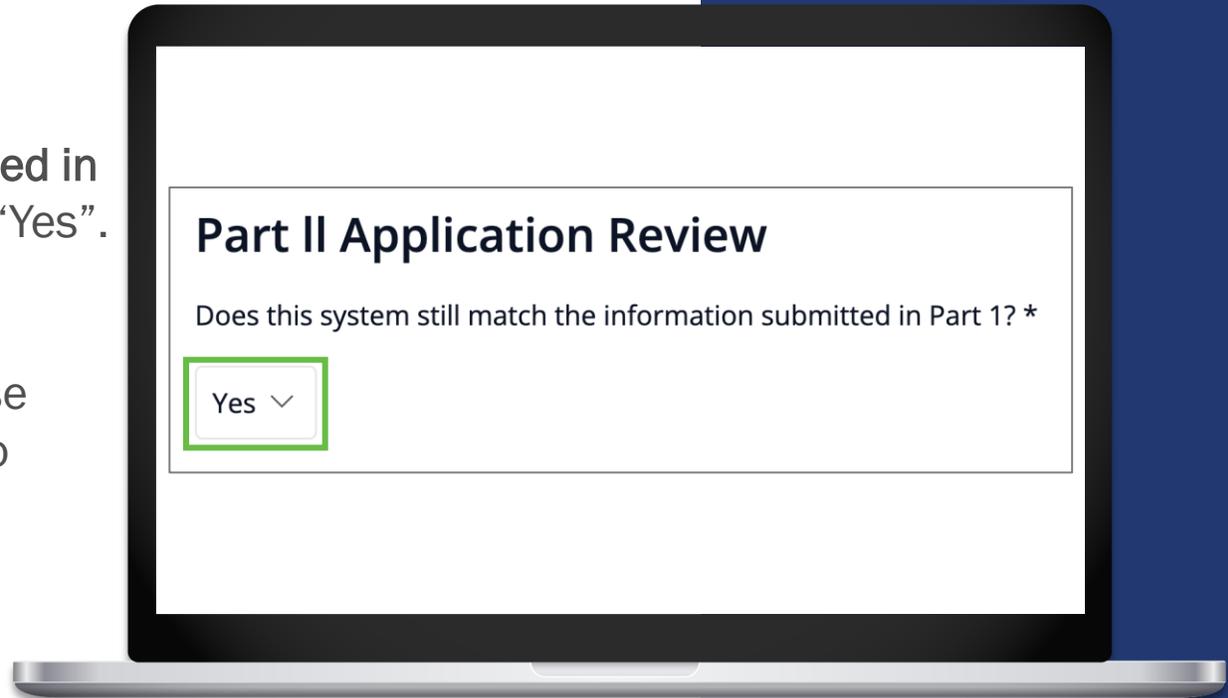
When you select “Calculate”, the portal will update the REC Estimate and PVWatts comparison using your revised CCF.

Section 2 – Interconnection Details

This section covers interconnection information (only).
The portal will automatically fill the form with your previous entries.

1 **Step 1:** If these details are still the same as described in Part I, use the dropdown on this question to select “Yes”. Otherwise, select “No”.

If you previously left some fields blank (e.g., because they weren’t required at the time), please be sure to select “No”.



Part II Application Review

Does this system still match the information submitted in Part I? *

Yes ▾

Section 2 – Interconnection Details

2

Step 2: Project dates. Use the calendar buttons to the right of each field to select from a calendar. Otherwise, type the date (leading zeroes are not required). All dates should be in the past.

Interconnection Approval Date *	<input type="text" value="mm-dd-yyyy"/>	
Project Online Date *	<input type="text" value="mm-dd-yyyy"/>	
Please ensure the date entered in this field matches the online date submitted to the REC Tracking Registry (PJM-GATS or M-RETS)		
Date of Project's Certificate of Completion or PTO *	<input type="text" value="mm-dd-yyyy"/>	
Date on which Construction Activities for Project were completed *	<input type="text" value="mm-dd-yyyy"/>	

Calendar view for January:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Section 2 – Project Dates

Label	What to Enter
Interconnection Approval Date	Date the interconnection utility <i>signed</i> a “permission to operate” or “final interconnection approval” document.
Project Online Date	Date the system began full-time production (testing does not count). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should be later than the interconnection approval date• Should match the online date submitted to the REC Tracking registry (PJM-GATS or M-RETS)
Date of Project’s Certificate of Completion or PTO	Date the Certificate of Completion was signed or issued by the Utility representative.
Date on which Construction Activities for Project were completed	<i>Last</i> date of construction.

Section 2 – Interconnection Details

3 **Step 3: REC Tracking.** Use the dropdown to select “PJM GATS” or “M-RETS”. Enter the tracking registration info as plain text.

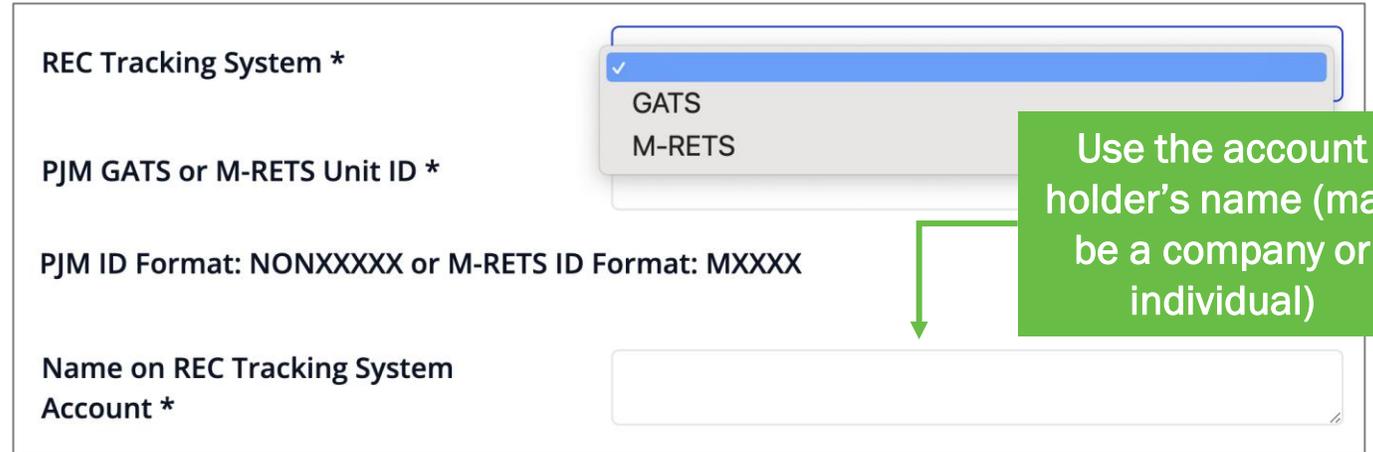
4 **Step 4: Net metering letter.** Use the dropdown to select “Yes” or “No”. (You’ll need to provide the letter during Document Upload if you select “Yes”.)

REC Tracking System *

PJM GATS or M-RETS Unit ID *

PJM ID Format: NONXXXXX or M-RETS ID Format: MXXXX

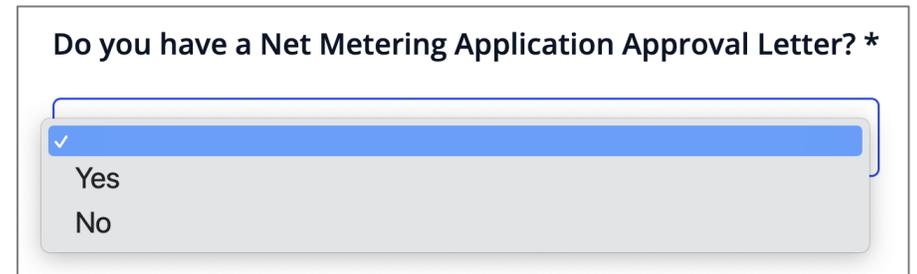
Name on REC Tracking System Account *



Do you have a Net Metering Application Approval Letter? *

Yes

No



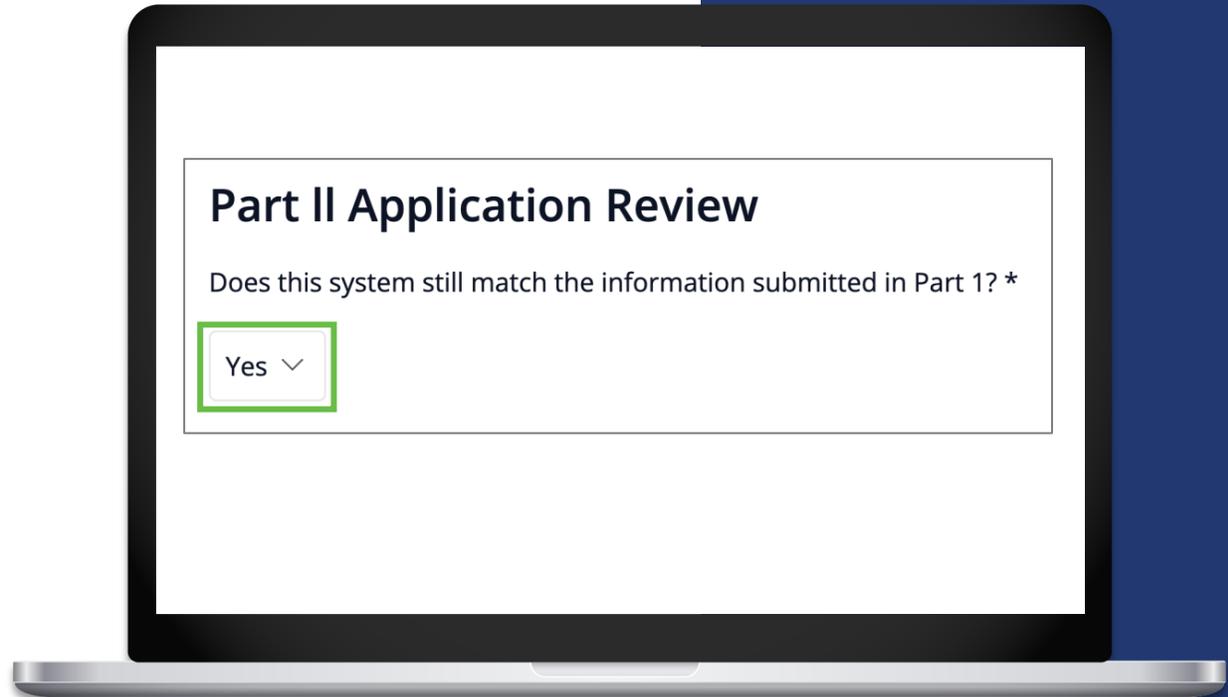
i **Tip:** When registering a system in GATS or M-RETS, the system details and Illinois Shines application ID must align with the information provided in the application Portal. The PA has enhanced review of the registration project data against the project application. Validation of Part II system details results in more accurate production estimates and project details. Discrepancies may result in Need Info delays.

Section 3 – Installer Information

This section covers the system installer. The portal will automatically fill the **first half** of the form with your previous entries.

1 **Step 1:** If the Installer contact information is still the same as described in Part I, use the dropdown on this question to select “Yes”. Otherwise, select “No” to make changes.

- Note: Here, even if you choose “Yes”, you must still fill out the second subsection of the form (Demographic Information)!



Part II Application Review

Does this system still match the information submitted in Part 1? *

Yes ▾

Section 3 – Installer Information

2

Step 2: Installer information. If your company installed the system, select the “Assign Approved Vendor” button to auto-fill your contact information. Otherwise, enter the information in the appropriate fields.

- The ICC certification question was asked in Part I, and the answer must still be “Yes”. Search the [ICC database](#) to confirm.
- The application will NOT be verified if the installer listed on the application cannot be associated with an ICC DG Certified entity. You can find the docket number (format P####-####) in the [ICC database](#).

The screenshot shows a web form for installer information. The 'Assign Approved Vendor' button is highlighted with a green box. Below it are three text input fields for 'Legal Business Name*', 'Street *', and 'Apartment or Suite'. A radio button question asks if the installer has received Distributed Generation certification from the Illinois Commerce Commission, with the 'Yes' option selected and highlighted. Below that is a text input field for the 'ICC Docket Number for the Certification of the DG Installer Record', which is also highlighted. At the bottom, a dropdown menu for 'Is the System Owner the installer? *' is open, showing 'Yes' as the selected option.

Section 3 – Installer Information

This sub-section collects demographic information (as required by the [Climate and Equitable Jobs Act](#)).

3 **Step 3: Hours by Race.** Enter the number of hours worked by employees who identify with each listed U.S. Census-defined race. You can enter up to two decimal places.

The Portal will automatically calculate the final Total.

Hours by Race

Please report to the nearest 2 decimals the number of hours worked on down by race.

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian

Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

More than one Race

Some Other Race

Employee Declines to Identify

Total

0.00

Section 3 – Installer Information

4

Step 4: *Hours by Ethnicity.*

Enter the number of hours worked by employees who identify with each listed U.S. Census-defined ethnicity. You can enter up to two decimal places. The Portal will automatically calculate the final Total.

- The total hours calculated in steps 1 and 2 should be the same.

Hours by Ethnicity

The U.S Census classifies ethnicity as distinct from race. With this in mind, enter hours worked on the construction and installation of the project by employee ethnicity.

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

Employee Declines to Identify Ethnicity

Total

0.00

Section 3 – Installer Information

5

Step 5: Hours by ZIP code. Use the radio buttons to indicate if you have employees who live in IL.

If you select “Yes”, the portal will prompt you to enter the total number of hours worked by employees who live in each Illinois zip code.

- Use the “Add Zip Code”, “Edit”, or “Delete” (🗑️) buttons as many times as you need to update the list.



This section does not include employees who live in other states, so the total may be smaller than in steps 1 and 2.

Do you have any employees who live in Illinois who have worked on this project?

Yes No

Add Zip Code

Zip Code	Hours		
60632	24.00	Edit	🗑️
60629	8.00	Edit	🗑️

Section 3 – Installer Information

6

Step 6: Training programs. Enter the number of hours (up to 2 decimal places) worked by employees under the listed programs.

If there were employees under additional programs not listed above, change the “Other job...” selection to “Yes”. Otherwise, continue to Step 7.

Enter hours worked by worker related to each program, if any

Solar Training Pipeline Program

Craft Apprenticeship Program (FEJA Program)

Multi-Cultural Job Training Program (FEJA Program)

Other Job Training Programs

Yes

No

Section 3 – Installer Information

6 **Step 6 (cont.):** If you selected “Yes”, the portal will ask you to enter the total number of hours worked by employees in each additional program. Use the “Add Program”, “Edit”, or “Delete” (🗑️) buttons as many times as you need to update the list.

7 **Step 7:** In the last field, enter the number of employees (people) who participated in any job training program.

Program	Hours	
Program A	12.00	Edit 🗑️

Total number of program hours - this number will update once you save this section

0.00

Total number of graduates of Job Training programs who worked on the project

0

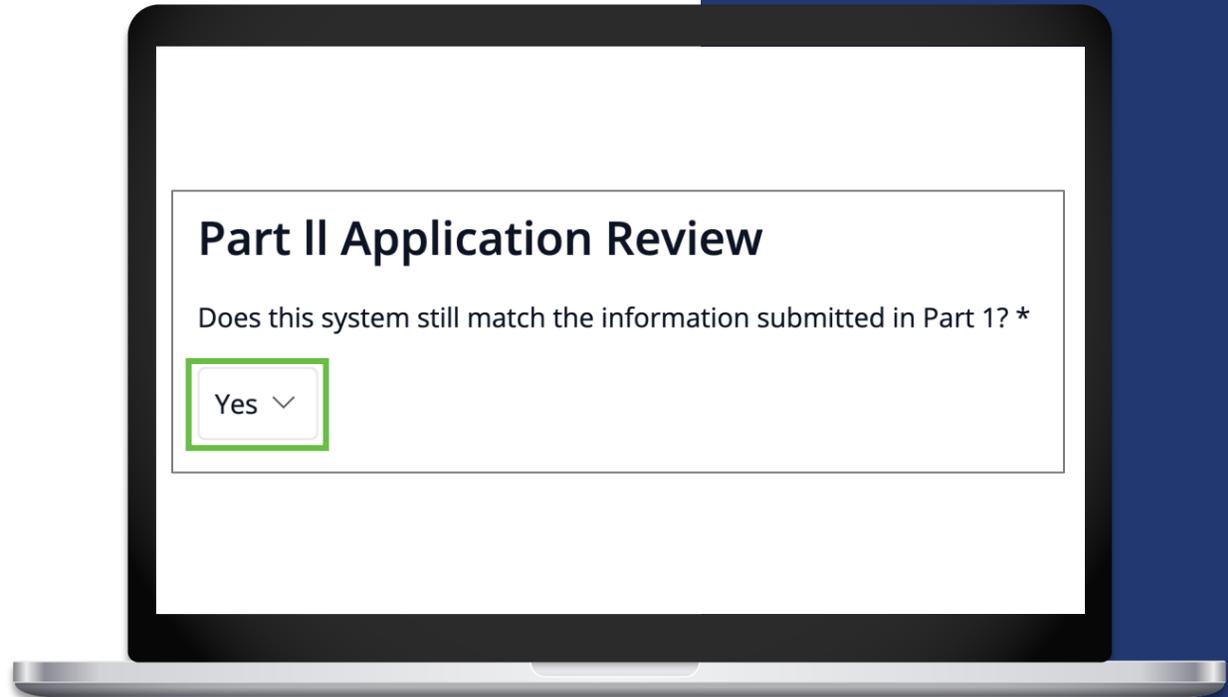
Section 4 – Equipment Details

This section summarizes the system's equipment and (for Community Solar only) subscription status. The portal will automatically fill the form with your previous entries.

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Step 1: If these details are still the same as described in Part I, use the dropdown on this question to select “Yes”. Otherwise, select “No”.

- If you previously left some fields blank (e.g., because they weren't required at the time), please be sure to select “No”.



Part II Application Review

Does this system still match the information submitted in Part 1? *

Yes ▾

Section 4 – Equipment Details

2

Step 2: Equipment list. Enter any text for the PV module, inverter, and meter makes and models.

For “Inverter Details”, provide:

- the **number** of string or micro inverters
- the nameplate **max continuous output** of each inverter
- *Example:* 12 Enphase 1Q8+ microinverters, 290 VA

Do the Part II Section 4 module model details align with the Part II Section 1 Module Power Rating details? Discrepancies may result in Need Info delays.

Module Manufacturer / Make*	<input type="text"/>
Module Model*	<input type="text"/>
Inverter Manufacturer / Make*	<input type="text"/>
Inverter Model*	<input type="text"/>
See Inverters Help for Micro-Inverters	
Inverter Details	<input type="text"/>

Does the total inverter size listed in the array details align with the module count and inverter model listed in the equipment details? Discrepancies may result in Need Info delays.

Section 4 – Equipment Details

For the metering standard:

- Use the dropdown to select “ANSI C.12” or “+/- 5%”

3 **Step 3: Battery.** Use the dropdown to select “Yes” or “No” (Required).

You’ll need to provide detailed battery schematics during Document Upload if you select “Yes”.

What metering standard does this project meet?*

**Meter
Manufacturer /
Make***

Meter Model*

Does your system have a battery backup?

Section 4 – Equipment Details

4 Step 4: Total cost. Include cents if needed; omit the \$ sign.

Total Project Cost (\$)*	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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- **Include:** any and all costs related to modules, inverters, other generating equipment, balance of system (BOS), engineering/procurement/construction(EPC), installation, interconnection, origination and development , sales/general/administrative (SG&A) including customer acquisition, financing, legal, permitting/inspection/other soft costs, contingencies, and any other direct or indirect costs attributable to the project.
- **Exclude:** any and all profit that results from project development (See page 98 of the Guidebook)

Section 4 – Equipment Details

This sub-section only appears for Community Solar applications.

- 5** Step 5: *Small subscribers*. Enter the percentage up to 2 decimal places. Omit the % sign.
- 6** Step 6: *Subscribed capacity*. Use the dropdown to select “Yes” or “No”.

What is the percentage of small subscribers as a share of total project capacity (%)?*	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Is at least 50% of project capacity subscribed?	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">✓ Yes</div><div style="padding: 2px 5px;">No</div></div>



5. Attestations, Documents, and Final Application Submissions



Final Steps - Attestations

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Step 1: Return to the main page of your application by selecting “*Save and Continue*” at the final section, or “*Close*” at the bottom of any completed section. Scroll down to the “**Applicant Attestation**” section. Carefully read and check the boxes if you agree to the statements.

- These first four attestations are all required.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	With respect to this project, any and all marketing activity that occurred after the IPA released its initial Marketing Guidelines on November 27, 2018 was fully compliant with the operative version of either the Marketing Guidelines or the Consumer Protection Handbook (approved July 14, 2022).
<input type="checkbox"/>	The installation contract signed between the Approved Vendor (or its agent) and the system host is fully consistent with information in the Standard Disclosure Form provided to the system host and Program Administrator.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm compliance that all construction employees received at least the prevailing wage rate for the applicable county in the State of Illinois, for projects subject to prevailing wage requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm compliance with all DG installation contract requirements or community solar subscription contract requirements approved on July 14, 2022.

Final Steps - Attestations

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Step 1 (cont.): The next six attestations relate to compliance with the minimum contract of 7/14/2022. Check **only** the first item if the contract was signed *after* 7/14/2022 and you meet the requirements.

If the contract was signed before 7/14/2022, it is not subject to the requirements. Leave the first item blank and check only one of the last five options.

The installation contract signed between the Approved Vendor (or its agent) and the system host is fully compliant with all minimum contract requirements approved on July 14, 2022.

If an installation contract was executed between the Approved Vendor (or its agent) and the system host prior to the updated contract requirements released in 2022, please do not check the item above and instead check one of the following:

The Approved Vendor (or its agent) has executed a signed contract amendment with the system host that brings the contract into full compliance with all current minimum contract requirements.

The original installation contract was already fully compliant with the current contract requirements.

The Approved Vendor's (or its agent) diligent, good-faith efforts to contact the system host using all known contact information, following the release of the IPA's current installation contract requirements, were unsuccessful.

The system host refused to sign the contract amendment that would bring the contract into compliance with current contract requirements.

Other (Please explain)

Final Steps - Attestations

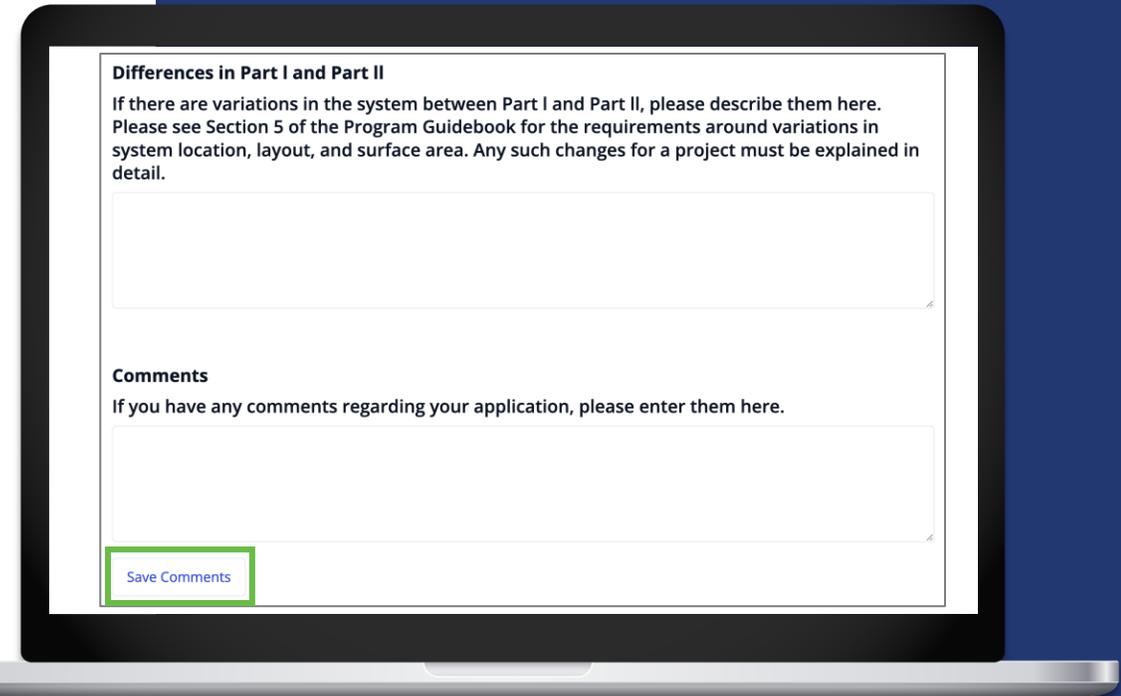
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Step 2: Optional comments. The next two text boxes allow you to:

1. Explain any differences between Part I and Part II;
2. Provide additional context/explanation for any aspect of the application.

Select "Save Comments" when done.

- December 8 webinar tip: If the property owner is NOT the same as the person named on the Certificate of Completion of Interconnection (CoC), describe their relationship in this section.
- Use case examples: confirming a change in installer between Part I to Part II, noting the ID of an updated Disclosure Form that has been completed, confirming clarifying address discrepancies if the utility address differs from the project application location, providing an explanation of the relationship between the Utility Account Holder and the Property Owner (if they differ), etc.



The screenshot shows a laptop screen with a web form. The form has two main sections. The first section is titled "Differences in Part I and Part II" and contains the text: "If there are variations in the system between Part I and Part II, please describe them here. Please see Section 5 of the Program Guidebook for the requirements around variations in system location, layout, and surface area. Any such changes for a project must be explained in detail." Below this text is a large, empty text input box. The second section is titled "Comments" and contains the text: "If you have any comments regarding your application, please enter them here." Below this text is another large, empty text input box. At the bottom left of the form, there is a button labeled "Save Comments" with a green border.

Final Steps – Document Upload

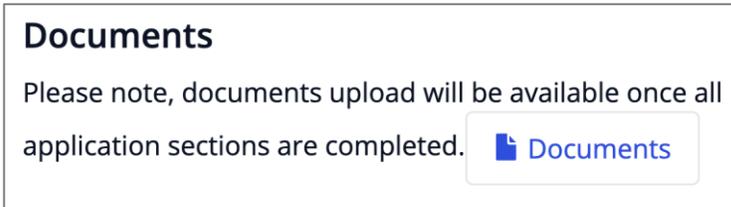
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Step 3: Select the “Documents” button to upload documents.



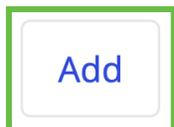
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Step 4: For each requested document, select the “Upload” button on the right to search for the file on your computer.



If you see this instead, return to the top of the page and fill out any sections that don't have a green check mark. (✓)

To upload multiple files for one requirement, select the “Add” button (when available) to add another file upload slot.

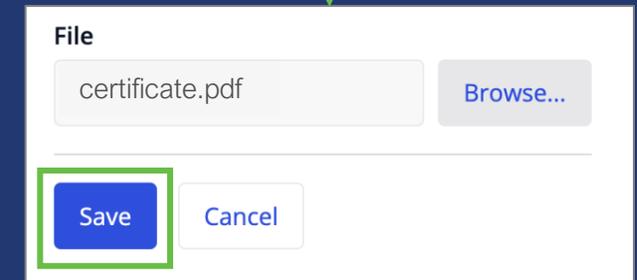
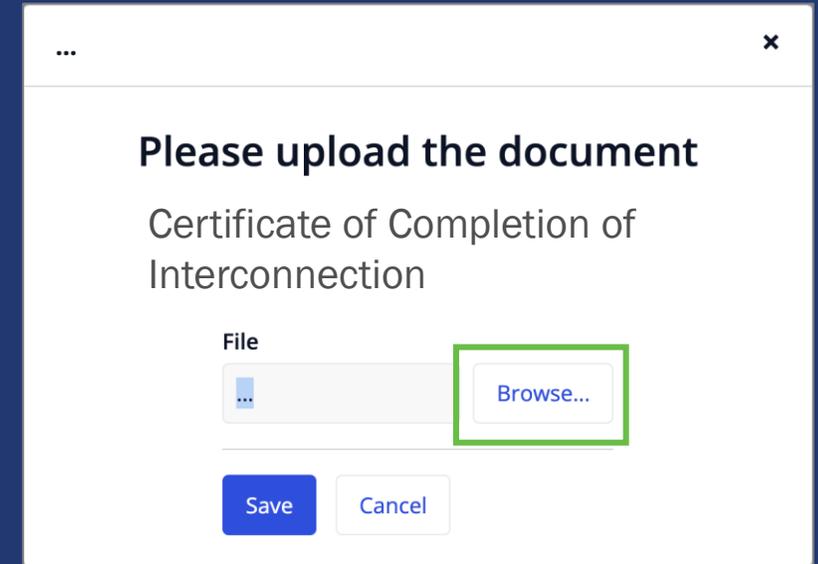


Final Steps – Document Upload

6 **Step 6:** An Upload pop-up window appears. Select the “*Browse*” button to search for the file on your computer.

- Acceptable file types include .pdf (preferred), .doc, .docx, .jpg, .jpeg
- The maximum file size is 100 MB.

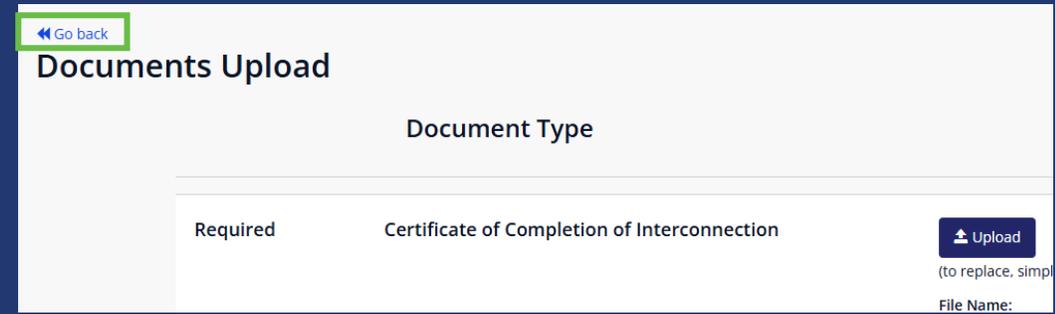
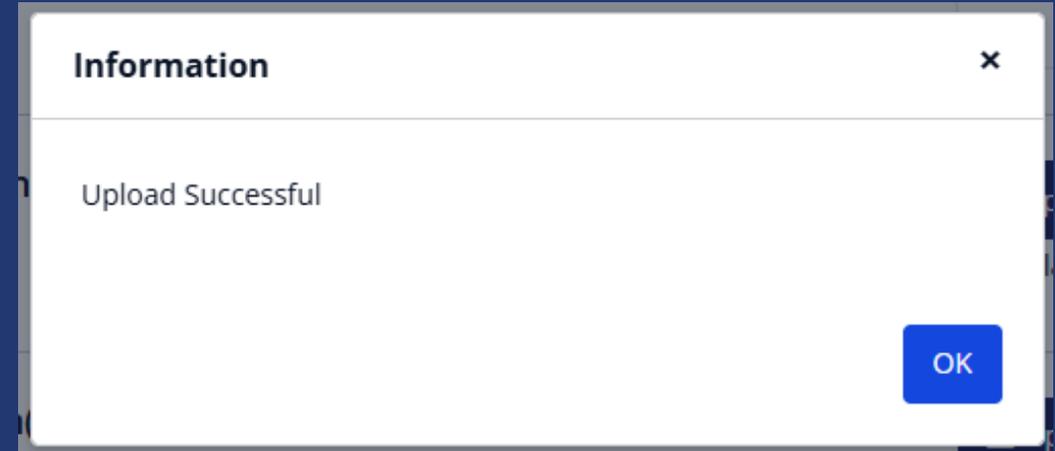
7 **Step 7:** After you’ve located the document you want to upload, select “*Save*”. The page will update with the file name and receipt date.



Final Steps – Document Upload

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Step 8: Once you're done uploading each document, a confirmation window will show. Once all documents are uploaded select the "Go back" button to return to the main Application webpage.



What are these Documents? (1 of 4)

Label	Description/Notes
Certificate of Completion of Interconnection	<p>Document examples: Part 2 of the Interconnection Approval Agreement, Certificate of Completion, or Permission to Operate Letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be signed by a representative of the interconnection utility. • Tip: Please clarify any variance between the application and the utility documentation account holder name or addresses with an application comment at the time of submission to avoid Need Info delays.
Photograph(s) of the inverter(s)	<p>Must clearly show the inverter model number(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic specification (spec) sheets are not accepted as inverter photos. The upload must be uniquely associated with the project and must clearly state the inverter model number. • For projects using microinverters, acceptable examples include a monitoring portal screenshot stating the inverter model number or a photograph of one of the physical inverters that was installed. A photo of just one inverter is acceptable if using microinverters. • If a project utilizes a module model with integrated microinverters, the Program can also accept project specific documentation listing the module model number installed in lieu of a unique photograph of the inverter. • For projects using string inverters, acceptable examples include a monitoring portal screenshot stating the inverter model number for each inverter installed or photographs of each individual string inverter installed.
Proof of Irrevocable Transfer	<p>Can be a copy of the irrevocable transfer acceptance email or a screenshot of the irrevocable transfer screen showing the system's registry certification number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This requirement cannot be completed until your REC contract has been approved by the ICC.

What are these Documents? (2 of 4)

Label	Description/Notes
Photograph of meter	<p>The photo may be of the meter itself, clearly show current cumulative lifetime meter reading. If the meter has no physical display, provide a screenshot of the meter monitoring portal (not the inverter portal) with the lifetime meter reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The customer name and/or address should listed on the meter portal photo.• Utility meters are not accepted, it must be a photo of the dedicated solar production meter.• The photo should clearly show the total accumulated solar production reading.• If the meter make/model is noted in the photo must match the equipment details noted on the application. <p>If expanding an existing system – providing proof of separate metering under “Other Documents” may help avoid Need Info delays. This can be confirmed in application comments if it is a Non-IL Shines expansion.</p>
Photograph(s) of project	<p>Must show all countable modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aerial shots are best.• Ensure all array details align between the application (Part II Section 1) and project photo(s): Module count, Tilt, Azimuth, Mounting location, Tracking type, Countable modules.

What are these Documents? (3 of 4)

Only shown if you answered “Yes” to certain questions:

Label	Description/Notes
Net Metering Application approval letter	Received from your utility.
Detailed Battery Schematic	Must show that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only solar generated power can be used to charge the battery, or• The battery’s output does not run through the meter used to measure solar output.

Only shown for Community Solar applications:

Label	Description/Notes
Proof of Minimum Subscriber Commitments	Must show that at least 50% of capacity is subscribed as of the energization date. Must show the percentage of system capacity allotted to small subscribers (subscriptions less than 25 kW – see page 125 of the Guidebook).

What are these Documents? (4 of 4)

Label	Description/Notes
Certified Transcripts of Payroll	<p>Certified Transcripts of Payroll submitted to the Dept. of Labor for the construction of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required if project is subject to prevailing wage requirements.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Not needed for 1) Residential DG projects, 2) House of worship DG Projects 100 kW AC or less, 3) Waitlisted (as of December 14, 2021) non-residential Large DG projects.• The Project Location address on the CTP must align with the Project Location address noted on the application.
Narrative of Demographic Commitments	Optional – more information to be provided.
Other Documents	Optional - Any additional documents. Use this slot if you need to provide.

Final Application submission

9 Step 9: At the bottom of the main Application webpage, select “*Submit Part II Application*”.

Please ensure the following before submitting the application:

- All application sections are completed as required
- Required attestations are checked
- Required documents are uploaded

Submit Part II Application

If the Application is not complete, the portal will instruct you to fix the missing parts.

Information ×

You must fill out and save all 4 Sections to submit this application!

OK

Otherwise, the portal will display a submission confirmation message. Select “OK” to continue.

Information ×

Your Project Application has been submitted successfully!

OK

Final Application submission

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Step 10: You'll be returned to the Project Applications > **View** task. The Part 2 status of your project will be updated to "Submitted".

Congratulations – you've successfully submitted your Part II application!

Project Applications					
New DG Project Application		New CS Project Application			
Vendor ID ↑	Project Name ↑	Part 1 Status	Part 2 Status	Batch Status ↑	
<input type="text" value="="/>	<input type="text" value="Ab"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
4	Test Project A	Submitted	Submitted	ICC Approved	
4	Test Project B	Submitted	Created	Submitted	



6. Frequently Asked Questions



Frequently Asked Questions



Can I edit a previously submitted application?

If you need to edit an application that was already submitted (for example, on the legacy portal), send an email to Support (admin@illinoisshines.com) with:

- a request to move your Part I App status back to “InProgress”
- your Vendor ID/Name and Project App ID #
- After an application is submitted in a batch, you will no longer be able to move the application back to “InProgress”



Can I withdraw a previously submitted application?

Yes, if the application is not yet under a REC contract. Send an email to Support (admin@illinoisshines.com) with:

- a request to withdraw the application
- your Vendor ID/Name and Project App ID #

Thank you!

Program Administrator

admin@IllinoisShines.com

