

**IEEE 1547-2018 Adoption  
Update:  
Are You Ready for UL 1741  
SB Certification?**



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# Today's Presenters

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# QualityLogic's Role in the Smart Energy Industry

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- **QualityLogic focused on Smart Energy Testing**

- IEEE 2030.5 and OpenADR (Approved Certification Test Tools)
- Standards Training & Consulting

- **QualityLogic is a Contributor to IEEE 1547 and UL 1741**

- Member of IEEE 1547-2018 Work Group
- Member of IEEE 1547.1 WG and 1547.1 Interop WG
- Member of IEEE 1547.2 and 1547.2 Interop WG
- Member of UL 1741 STP
- First vendor to offer 1547.1 Conformance Test Tools

- **QualityLogic Has Been involved With 2030.5 Since 2010**

- Only SunSpec approved test harness for 2030.5/CSIP
- Used by NRTLs and End Users to perform 2030.5 Testing/Certification

- **Active in Standards and Certification Program Development**

- IEEE 2030.5, UL 3001, CSIP, 1547/1547.1, SAE, OpenADR, MESA-DER, UL 1741 SC, SunSpec/SAE J3072 Profile for IEEE 2030.5

# In This Webinar We'll Cover



- **IEEE 1547 Background**
- **The Interop and Type Testing requirements in IEEE 1547-2018 and 1547.1-2020**
- **UL 1741 SB revisions and certification timeline**
- **Challenges in testing and certifying the Interop and Type requirements**
- **QualityLogic's test tools for validating IEEE 1547 Interop and Type Testing Conformance**
- **Test system architecture and features**
- **Demonstration of QualityLogic 1547.1 Test Tool with Inverter and Lab Equipment**
- **Questions and Answers**

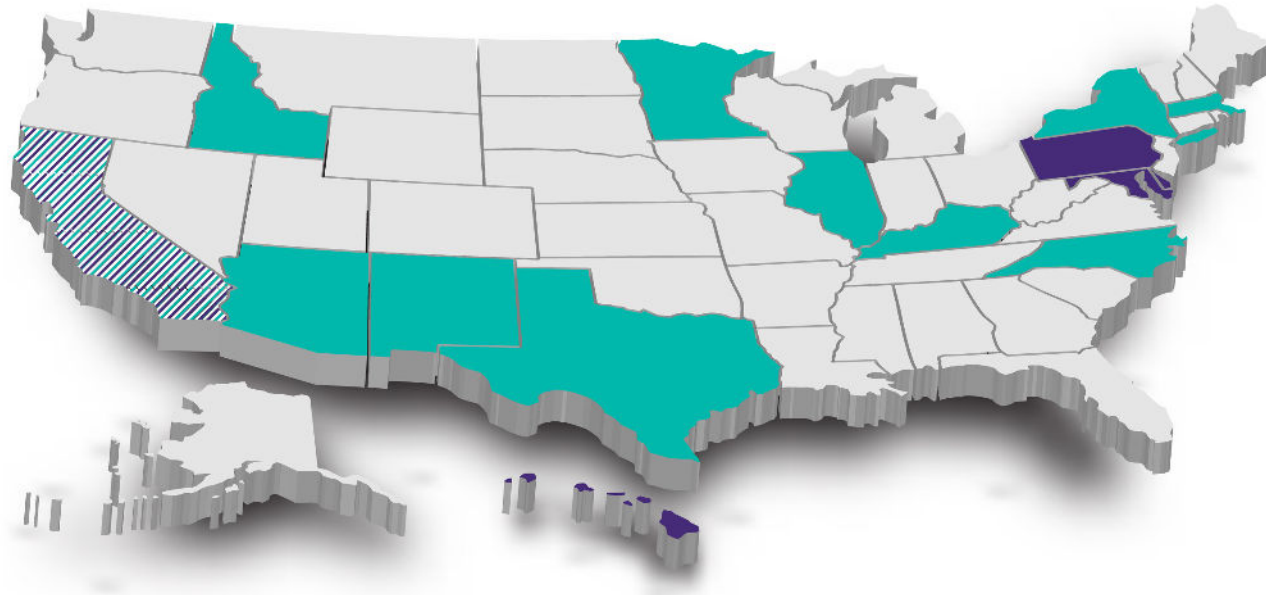
# IEEE 1547 Background



- **IEEE 1547 and 1547.1 were initially approved in 2003 after 3 years of intense debate and development**
  - Designed to standardize behavior in abnormal conditions of interconnected DER. Primary concerns were grid stability and safety.
- **For the United States, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 established IEEE 1547 as the interconnection standard for distributed generation resources**
  - *Interconnection services shall be offered based upon the standards developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers: IEEE Standard 1547 for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, as they may be amended from time to time.*
- **Revised in 2014 to address changing grid requirements for DER**
  - Made changes to sub clauses related to voltage regulation, voltage response to Area EPS abnormal conditions, and frequency response to Area EPS abnormal conditions.
  - IEEE 1547.1 was also revised in 2014 and 2015.
- **IEEE 1547 was revised again in 2018 and 1547.1 approved in 2020**
  - As DERs were seen as potential grid resources, the need for additional functionality and interoperability drove the most recent 1547 update.
  - The need for communications was recognized in the standard for the first time.

# Adoption of IEEE 1547 in the US

- Open docket or activity
- Mandated in 2022
- Likely to be Mandated in 2022



Based on information from the "Forum on Inverter Grid Integration Issues (FIGI)", November 20, 2020, Minutes".

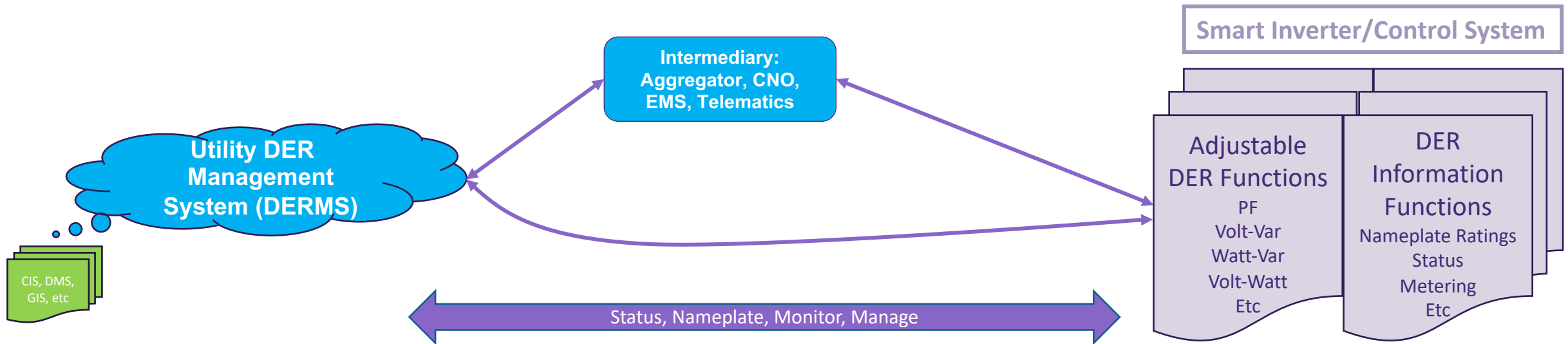
# Why Interoperability in a Safety Standard?



- **IEEE 1547 has evolved to be both a functional and safety standard – i.e., in order to be a “safe” grid resource, the functionality has had to become much more sophisticated and standardized**
- **A critical aspect of “safety” is to be able to configure, monitor and manage DERs in a standardized way to insure both effective protection and control of the grid by distribution system operators.**

# Need for Interoperability

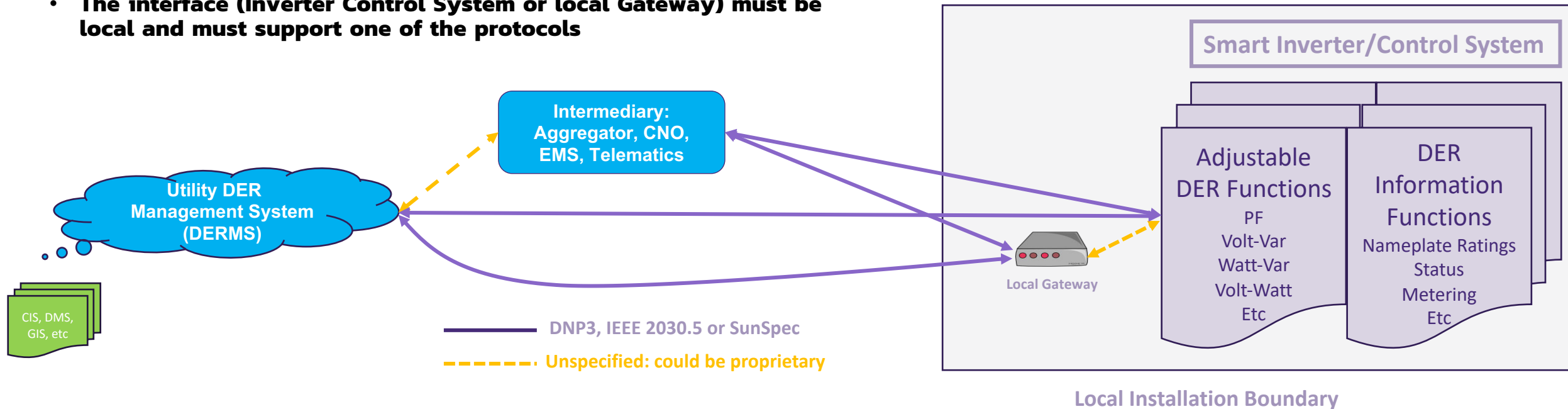
- **With required programmable functions, communications is also required**





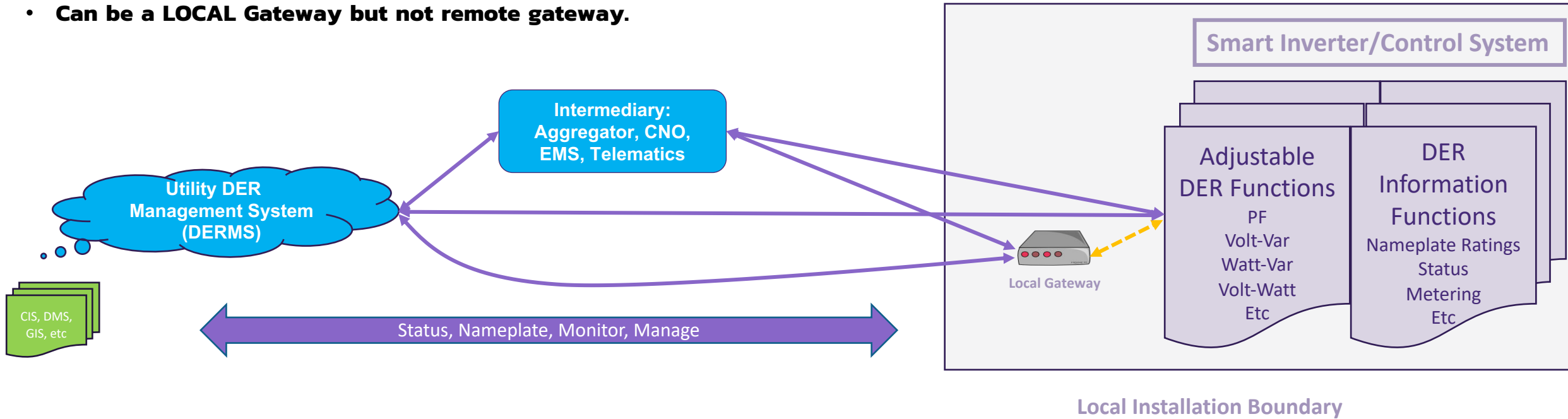
# IEEE 1547.1 Specified Application Protocols

- **1547 Interop requires compliance using one of 3 named protocols.**
  - IEEE 1815 DNP3
  - IEEE 2030.5
  - SunSpec Modbus
- **The interface (Inverter Control System or local Gateway) must be local and must support one of the protocols**



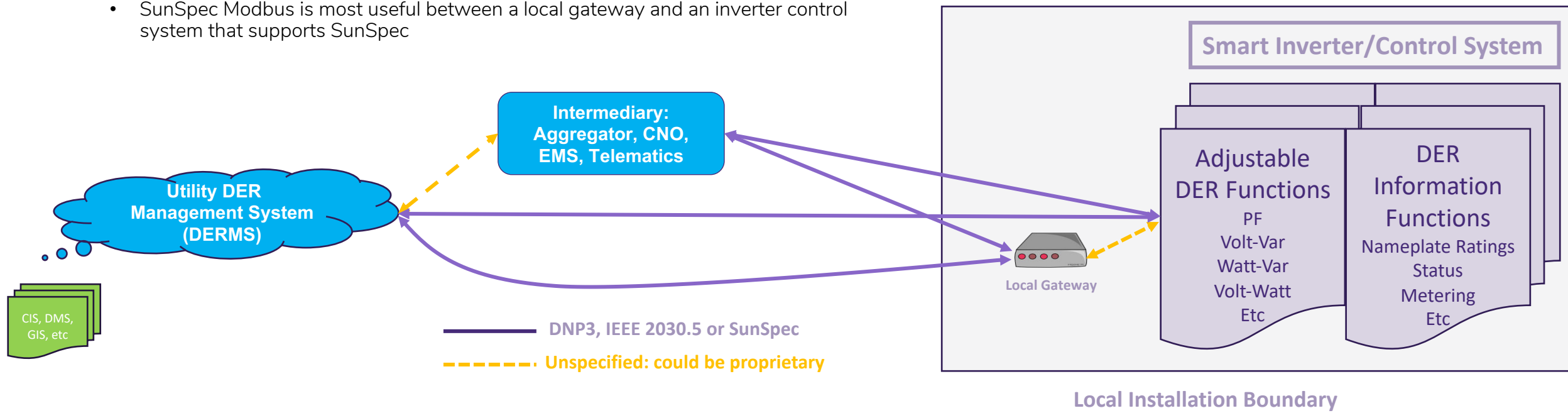
# Interop is Local

- **1547 Interop is local, not cloud-based or remote. This is to insure standard communications in the event of a network failure.**
- **Can be a LOCAL Gateway but not remote gateway.**



# Which Protocol to Use?

- **The 3 named protocols have differing strengths and applications.**
  - IEEE 1815 DNP3 is best suited for larger scale DERs operated as part of real-time SCADA
  - IEEE 2030.5 is best suited for internet based, behind-the-meter DER where greater security and group management are required
  - SunSpec Modbus is most useful between a local gateway and an inverter control system that supports SunSpec



# Important Limitations of 1547.1 Interop



- **Interoperability conformance to IEEE 1547.1-2020 can be achieved by demonstrating interoperability using only one of the identified protocols**
  - DNP3, IEEE 2030.5 or SunSpec
- **Interoperability requirements are limited to validating that the IEEE 1547-2018 inverter adjustable functions and information occurred correctly in the inverter**
  - Essentially spot checking the type tests with a small sample of potential settings changed through communications
- **Additional communications on nameplate ratings, configuration information and monitoring information are included in the interoperability conformance requirements**
- **Interoperability conformance in IEEE 1547-2018 is NOT a protocol conformance test.**
  - Features like security, group management, device capabilities, device discovery, etc., are not required to be tested in the conformance testing for IEEE 1547.1-2020
- **Importantly, although communications security is a critical DER issue, it is not included in IEEE 1547-2018 or IEEE 1547.1.**

# DER Protocol Testing vs Functional Testing



- **Protocol testing – validates that messages are received and properly understood. But not that a device performs as instructed. Does not require any simulation and inverter monitoring equipment.**
- **Functional testing of DERs – validates that the 1547 functions operate as specified. Requires grid/DC simulators and monitoring equipment.**
- **IEEE 1547.1 Interop testing – is functional testing driven by the named protocol. Not a full protocol test.**

# Certifying IEEE 1547.1 Conformance



- **IEEE 1547.1 is a Conformance specification but not a certification specification – i.e., inverters are not IEEE 1547.1 certified**
- **UL 1741 is the official industry standard for certification of inverter safety and includes numerous safety tests in addition to the IEEE 1547.1 conformance tests.**
- **UL 1741 SB is the updated version that incorporates the testing requirements in IEEE 1547.1**
- **Interop testing is implicit in UL 1741 SB but there are challenges:**
  - This is the first-time communications testing have been incorporated into UL 1741 certification testing. As we work through the actual effort to implement the Interop tests, we are seeing the weaknesses in the IEEE 1547.1 specification that need to be clarified.

# UL 1741 SB Update



- **Revision in balloting: earliest approval date September 2021**
- **Certification bottleneck??**
  - UL 1741 SB certification time estimated at about 10-12 weeks for an inverter
  - About 1000 inverters from 50+ vendors on CEC UL 1741 SA list
  - Many are part of families that require one certification ~ 200+ individual certifications as a SWAG
  - Lab capacity estimated at about 6-8 inverters certified/month (all labs)
  - Starting in September, expect 60-80 inverters certified in 10 months
- **The industry has not had standardized test automation for UL 1741 historically**
- **QualityLogic's 1547.1 Test Tools are the first commercial tools to automate UL 1741 SB Interop and Type testing**
  - Expected to reduce pre-certification and certification test time, accelerating the certification process for UL 1741 SB
  - Will be used at both NRTLs and at vendor test facilities

# IEEE 1547.1 Conformance



Certified under UL 1741 SB



# IEEE 1547.1/UL 1741 SB Conformance Background



- **IEEE 1547.1 defines the test procedures for verifying inverter's functionality**
  - Includes interoperability section (Section 6) that leverages 2030.5, DNP3 and SunSpec
  - Approved by IEEE in March 2020
- **UL 1741 SB updated to reflect latest 1547.1 test requirements**
  - Approved and issued September 2020
  - 1741 SB being revised to reflect 1547 spec issues/gaps – expected to be published by Q3 2021
- **Testing by NRTLs and vendors require various test equipment that interacts with the target inverter**
  - Grid simulators, power analyzer, DC/PV simulator, Oscilloscope and others
- **1547.1 Interoperability test section requires use of the protocols to trigger/monitor the inverter**
  - 47 individual tests defined in 1547.1 for interop section
  - Leverages “Type” functional tests in 1547.1 Section 5
- **NRTL's estimate that total 1547 tests may take 10-12 weeks to conduct**

# IEEE 1547.1 Type Tests



- **IEEE 1547.1 Type Tests (Section 5) define all the grid support functional test procedures plus others, such as temperature testing of the DER unit.**
- **Type tests define the detailed test procedures for each grid support functions**
- **Test tables (characteristics) define the various values to test for each grid support function**
  - Ex. Different VoltVar curves to test
- **Type tests iterate through different test variations**
  - Ex. VoltVar test iterates through different Vnominal %, EUT output % and multiple characteristics tables
- **Interoperability exercise the same test procedure but only two iterations**
  - Intent is to sample use of communication protocol to configure and control inverter's behavior
- **Using Type test with a DER protocol would also cover Interop tests**

# 1547.1 Interoperability Test Section

- Four different test categories that includes 47 test areas
- Nameplate data – verify nameplate data can be read from the DER
- Configuration Information – verify that DER settings can be read/written and take effect
- Monitoring Information – verify that DER reports set of metered data
- Management Information – verify that DER can act upon set of grid functions as requested thru protocol
  - Leverages 1547.1 Type tests with less iterations

Table 44—Management Information Test List

Test	Management Function	Adjustable Settings (References to IEEE Std 1547-2018)	Criteria (References to functional test criteria within this document)	Notes
1	Constant Power Factor Mode	10.6.2, Table 30	5.14.3.3	
2	Voltage-reactive power mode	10.6.3, Table 31	5.14.4.3 and 5.14.5.3	
3	Active power-reactive power mode	10.6.4, Table 32	5.14.7.3	
4	Constant reactive power mode	10.6.5, Table 33	5.14.8.3	
5	Voltage-active power mode	10.6.6, Table 34	5.14.9.3	
6	Voltage trip test	10.6.7, Table 35	5.4.2.4 (over voltage trip settings) and 5.4.3.4 (undervoltage trip settings)	
8	Frequency trip test	10.6.8, Table 37	5.5.1.4 (over frequency trip) and 5.5.2.4 (under frequency trip)	
9	Frequency droop (frequency/power or frequency-watt) test	10.6.9, Table 38	5.15.2.3 (above nominal frequency) and 5.15.3.3 (below nominal frequency)	
10	Enter service and Cease to energize and trip tests	10.6.10, Table 39, 10.6.11	5.6.4	NOTE—This management function relates to permit service.
11	Limit maximum active power test	10.6.12, Table 40	5.13	

# The New QualityLogic IEEE 1547.1 Conformance Test Tool

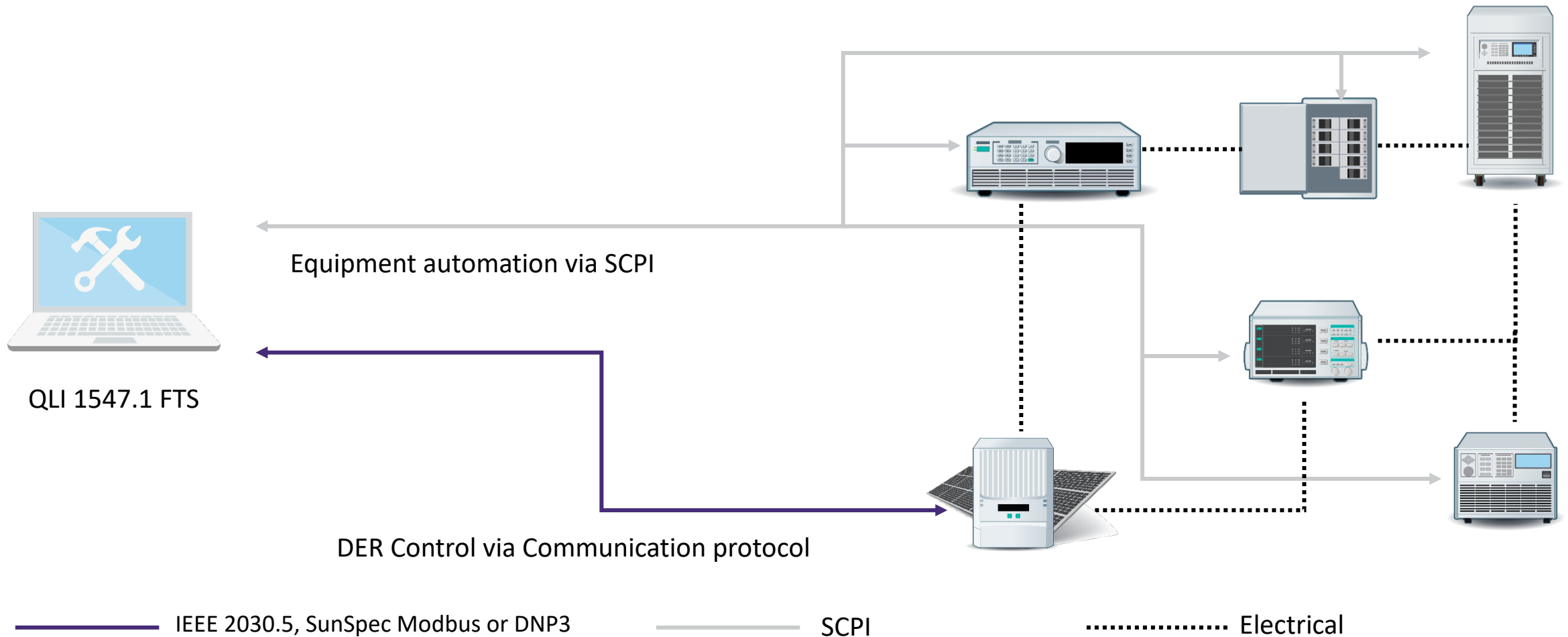
- **New 1547.1 FTS tests to cover the 1547.1 interoperability tests and related Type tests**
- **Supports the three DER protocols required by 1547 (2030.5/SunSpec/DNP3)**
- **End to end testing to verify DER communication and power level functionality using one of the three protocols**
- **Automate management and monitoring of power test equipment**
- **Reporting of monitored data from data collection devices such as power analyzers and oscilloscopes**
- **Customizable test values to handle regional grid code differences**
- **REST API to support automated testing using python or other scripting languages**
- **Provides familiar test tool interaction as the CSIP Certification Test Tool**
- **Leading NRTLs (UL, Intertek, TUV Rheinland, CSA and others) committed as Accelerator customers**
  - Helping to shape the product direction and requirements

# QualityLogic 1547.1 Product Components



- **1547.1 DER Protocol Messaging Component**
  - To support 1547.1 protocol requirements: IEEE 2030.5, SunSpec Modbus and DNP3
  - Enables users to execute the 1547.1 tests using these DER protocols
- **Test Equipment Automation**
  - To automate the manual steps in managing the various equipment: grid simulator, power analyzer, etc.
  - Test tool will manage these equipment and control them as required for 1547.1 testing
- **SunSpec modbus (700 series) and DNP3 protocols**
  - Enables 1547.1 Interop and Type tests to be executed using these protocols
- **Additional 1547.1 Type Tests**
  - Enables testing of Type tests defined in 1547.1 Section 5
  - For example, ride through Type tests are not part of Interop
- **Updates from UL 1741 SB revision implemented in the Test Tool**

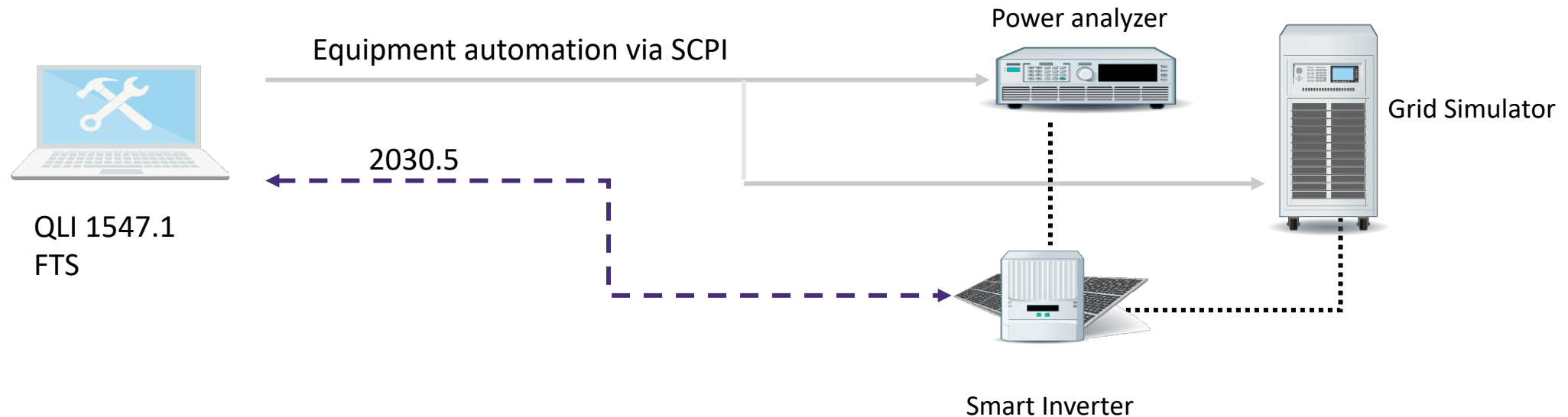
# 1547.1 Product Design



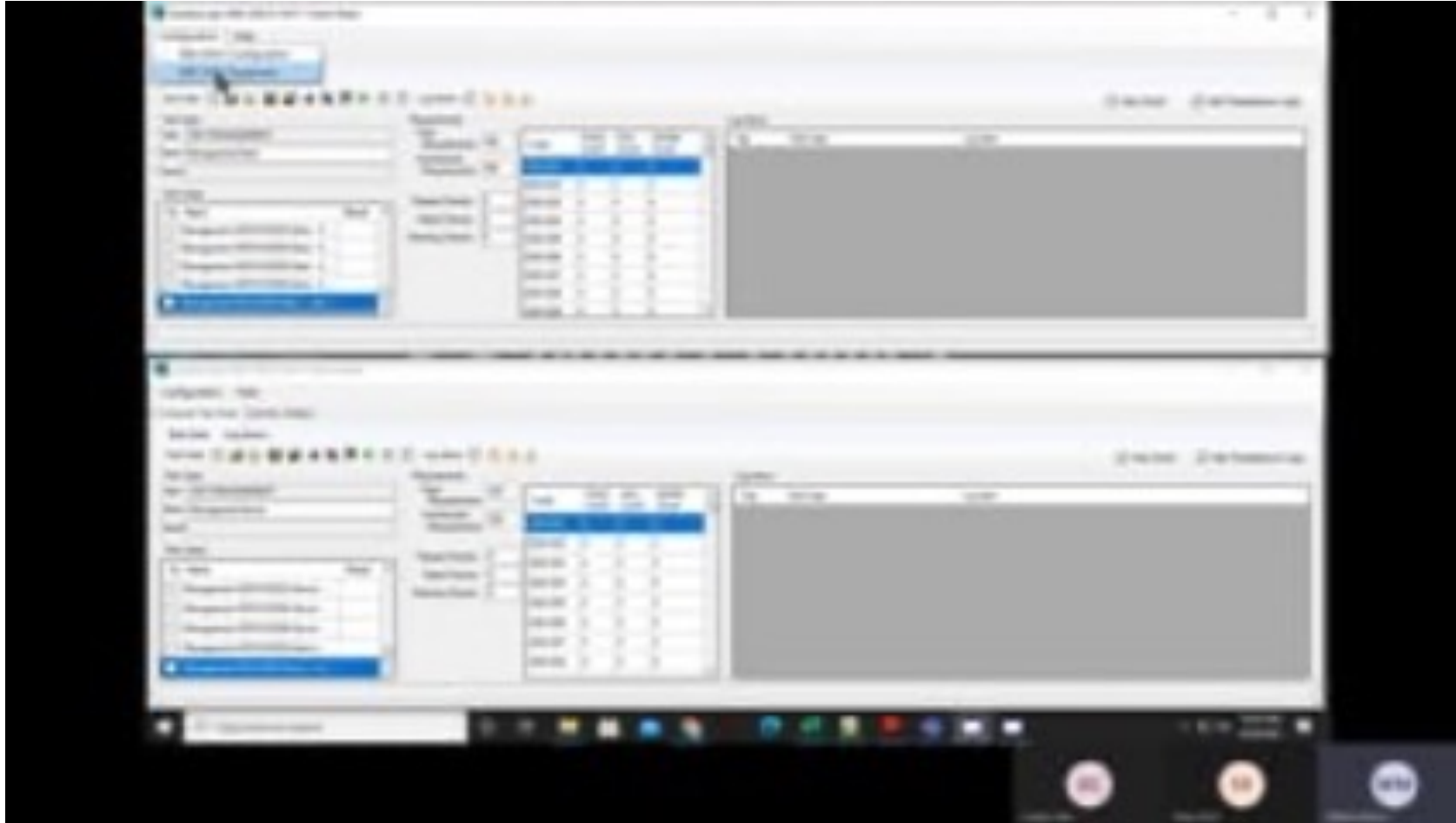
# QualityLogic 1547.1 Test Tool Demo

- **Background**

- Live inverter connected to a grid simulator and power analyzer – has battery so no DC supply needed
- Our test tool managing the grid simulator and power analyzer to stimulate the inverter and monitor its behavior
- Our Server Tester is fulfilling just the 2030.5 communication since the inverter being used does not understand 2030.5



# Demo Video of 1547.1 Test Tool





# Summary



- **Interoperability is required because of the programmable functions in smart inverters**
- **Adoption is in process in a number of US states**
- **IEEE 1547.1 Conformance is a functional test, not a protocol test**
- **Interop can be done with any of 3 supported protocols (2030.5, SunSpec modbus and DNP3)**
- **Inverter interface must be a local interface**
- **Industry's only 2030.5/CSIP Certification Test Tool expanded to support 1547.1 interoperability testing**
- **Adding support for SunSpec Modbus and DNP3 Interop testing**
- **Adding Type tests using the protocols**
- **Vendors can use the same version that NRTLs use – product available now to customers**
  - Reduces certification testing time, risks and issues
- **For more information, please contact QualityLogic at [info@qualitylogic.com](mailto:info@qualitylogic.com)**