

# **RIOO User Guide – Creating a New SODG**

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# **ERCOT RIOO Interconnection Services**

To create a new Settlement Only Distribution Generator (SODG) site and to get it interconnected to the ERCOT Network Model, the Resource Entity (RE) representing the site must use the Resource Integration and Ongoing Operations – Interconnection Services (RIOO – IS) application. RIOO – IS allows the RE to create an Interconnection Request (INR) online for a new SODG site. The ERCOT Demand Integration team will review and process the INR and provide status updates to the RE throughout the timeline from the initial review of the request to getting the new site loaded into the production Network Model.

# About this guide

This guide provides information about performing the tasks in RIOO – IS to create and submit the online INR that proposes a new SODG to interconnect to the ERCOT Network Model. Any sample data used to demonstrate the application is fictitious and does not represent actual SODG registration data or market activity for any Resource Entity or Transmission and/or Distribution Service Provider (TDSP) used in the samples. The samples are test data created to provide visual aids for this user guide.

Distributed Generation with installed capacity greater than 1 MW capable of providing a net export of energy into a Distribution Service Provider's (DSP) Distribution System is required to register with ERCOT as an SODG. Resource Entities register SODGs using the Resource Integration & Ongoing Operations (RIOO) application. Instructions for setting up a RIOO user account can be found under RIOO Documentation on the Resource Integration webpage. The SODG registration process allows for energy injections to a DSP's Distribution System to be accounted for in ERCOT market settlements. Energy from registered SODG units is settled with the SODG's designated Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) per ERCOT Nodal Protocols section 6.6. Registering an aggregation of DG units across multiple points of delivery is not allowed.

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# **Before starting your INR**

Before starting your INR, be sure that you have done the following tasks:

### Sign up for a RIOO Services User Account for a Resource Entity

- The user must be associated with a registered Resource Entity (RE).
- The RE's User Security Administrator (USA) must add the RIOORS\_M\_Operator role to the user's Market Participant Identity Management (MPIM) profile, commonly known as the digital certificate.
- After the role is added, an email request will be sent to complete the process of creating the user account, which involves changing the system-assigned password and associating your login information with a multifactor authentication (MFA) app on your mobile phone that verifies your login attempts.
- The **RE Sign Up Guide** provides more details for signing up for a RIOO Services User Account. This guide is available on the <u>Resource Integration webpage</u>, under **RIOO Documentation**.

## Check for electronic payment debit blocks

If you intend to submit INR payments by electronic checks drawn on your bank account (ACH payment instead of credit card), you should check with your financial institution to be sure you do not have an automatic debit block on your account for ACH transact ion amounts. It may take at least two days to remove the block, which can cause processing delays for your INR.

If you do have an automatic debit block on your account:

- Have your financial institution send you the form to authorize ACH transactions you will be making with ERCOT.
- On the form, for:
  - Vendor, enter Authorize.net.
  - o Vendor ID, enter 1911718107.
- Submit the form to your financial institution.

### Have documents completed and ready to attach

While creating your INR for a new SODG, you may be required to attach a document.

- If the SODG will be using a meter read by a TDSP, the RE must request that the host TDSP completes a <u>TDSP</u>
   Read Generation Metering Registration Form and the RE must attach the form to the site registration submitted in RIOO.
- If the SODG will be using an ERCOT Polled Settlement (EPS) meter, then the TDSP Read Generation Metering Registration Form is <u>not</u> needed.
- Based on which type of metering is selected during the registration process in RIOO, the user will be alerted when a TDSP Read Form is required to be attached.

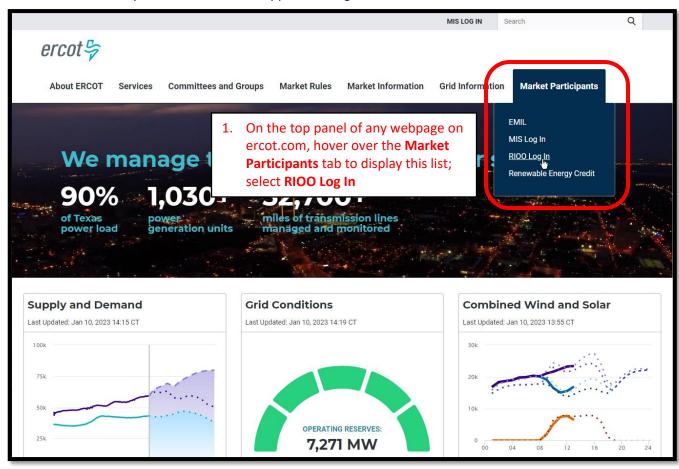
### **Coordinate a Production Load Date (PLD)**

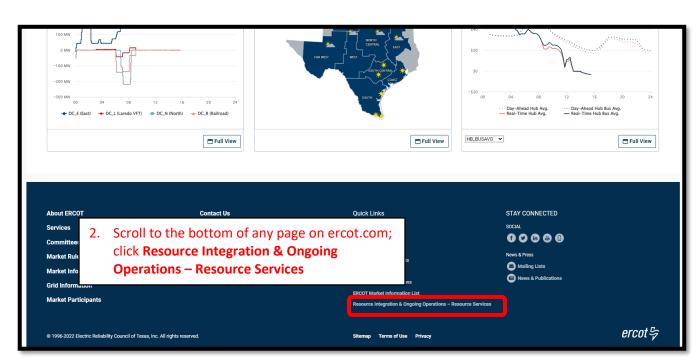
When creating an INR for a new SODG, the RE will need to request a PLD in RIOO during the registration process. The RE should coordinate the PLD via email with the ERCOT Demand Integration team (<a href="mailto:ERCOTLRandSODG@ercot.com">ERCOTLRandSODG@ercot.com</a>). This coordination is not required, but it can help ensure that the requested PLD is acceptable for modeling the SODG.

- The PLD must align with a scheduled production model load as listed on the current <u>Production Load</u>
   Schedule.
- The PLD will be at least 45 days after the RIOO registration submission is accurately completed.
- The RIOO application will indicate that if the requested PLD is fewer than 90 days out, it is classified as an interim update. However, SODG submissions meeting the 45-day PLD schedule <u>do not</u> require the RE to submit the **RE\_Model\_Interim\_Update\_Request** form.

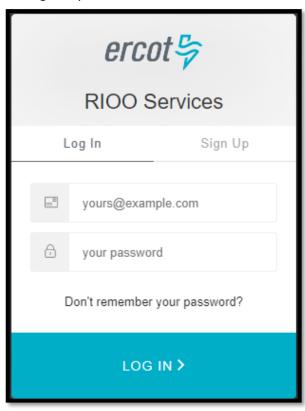
# **Logging into RIOO**

There are two ways to access the RIOO application login screen:

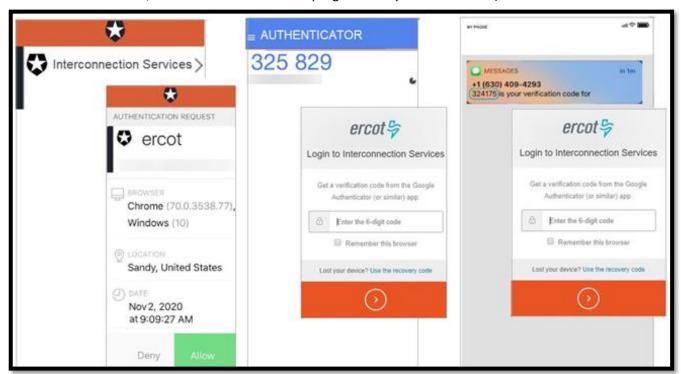




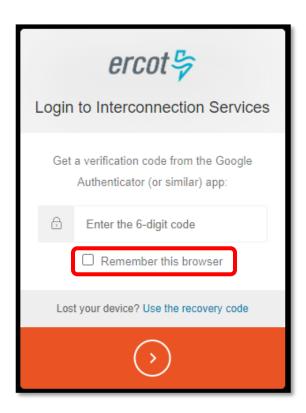
Log into your RIOO account:



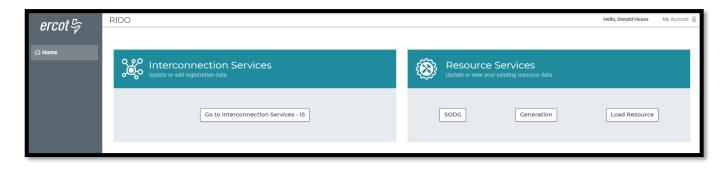
You'll be prompted to enter a 6-digit code to complete the multi-factor authenticator (MFA). The MFA code
will be sent to the app selected when setting up your account (Auth0 Guardian, Google Authenticator, SMS
Text Authentication, or another authentication program that you chose to use).



• Select **Remember this browser** to avoid having to login multiple times:



• After successfully logging in, you'll be taken to the RIOO home screen:

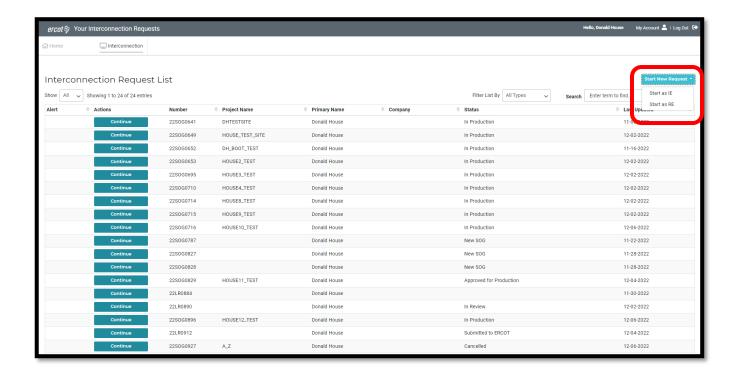


# **Creating request for a new SODG**

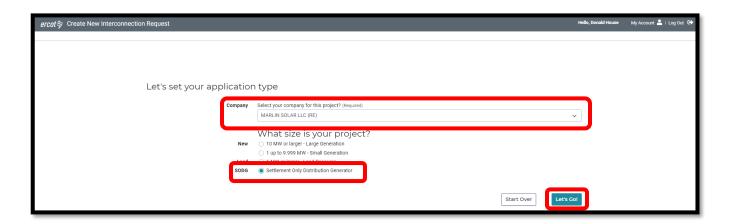
- On the RIOO home screen, open Interconnection Services
  - Interconnection Services is used to create a new SODG
  - Resource Services is used to update an existing SODG
    - See RIOO User Guide Updating an Existing SODG for details



- The Interconnection Request List displays all requests that have been created by the RE along with the status of the request
- To begin, click on Start New Request to display the drop-down list
  - o Select Start as RE



- Select the RE for this project
  - o Note that if the user represents multiple REs, they will all be displayed in this drop-down list
- Select SODG under What size is your project?
- Click Let's Go! to be taken to the SODG List screen

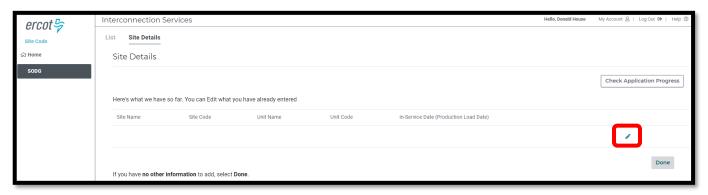


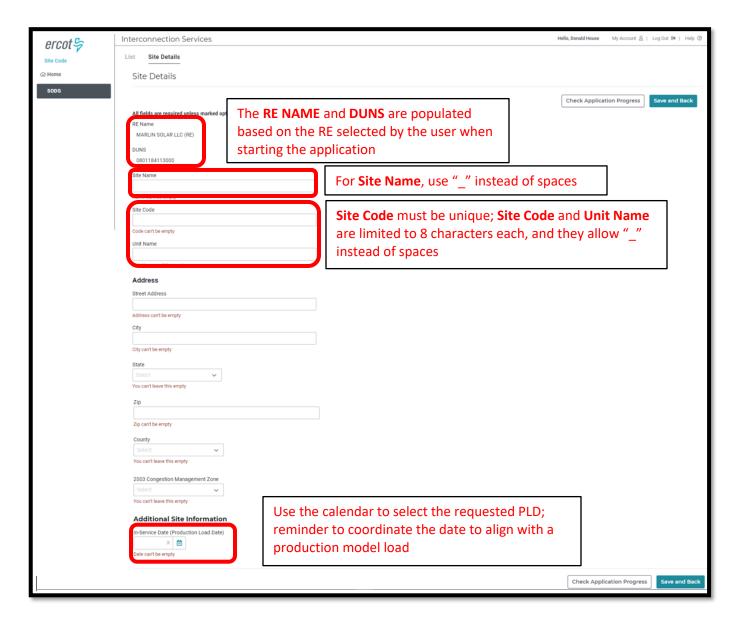
- On the SODG List screen, all data submission panels are listed
  - o Start indicates that nothing has been added to that panel
  - Edit in red indicates that the panel is either missing required information or that something needs to be corrected
  - Edit in green indicates that the panel has been completed but the user has the option to go back to the panel to make revisions
  - Clicking on Edit or Start will open that panel for data entry
- The panels can be completed in any order, but the way they are arranged in the application provides an orderly flow through the process
  - o Progress can be saved, allowing the user to return to the application later to finish the submission
  - This guide will provide details on each panel



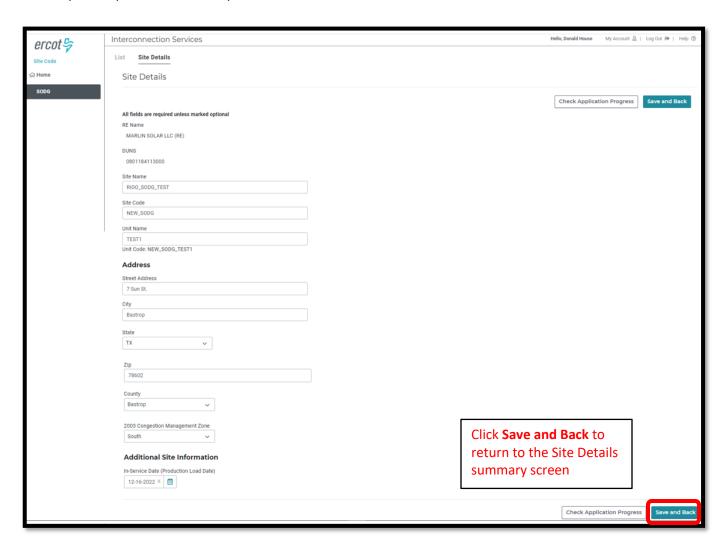
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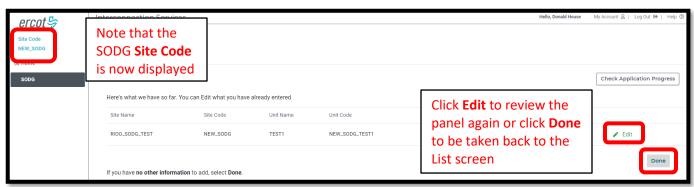
- Click on Edit to open the Site Details summary screen
- Click on the pencil icon to open the data entry panel





• Sample completed Site Details panel

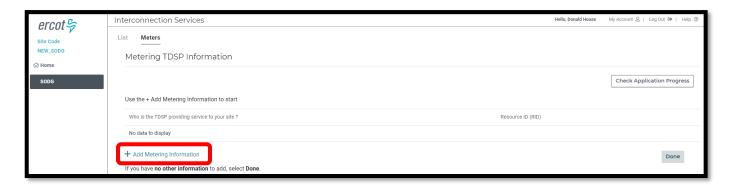






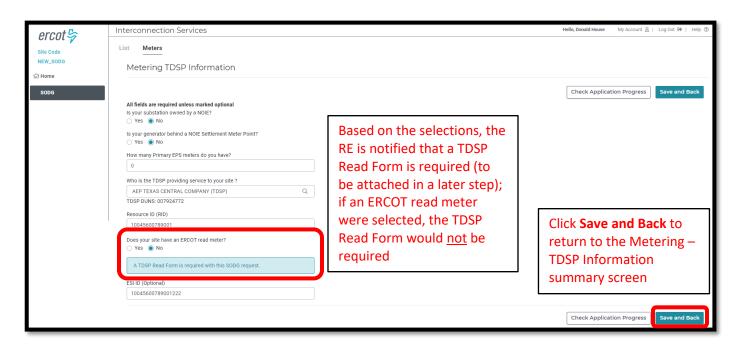
### **Metering – TDSP Information**

- Click on **Start** to open the Metering TDSP Information summary screen
- Click on + Add Metering Information to open the data entry panel

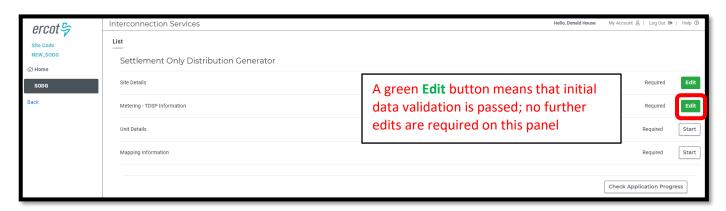




Sample completed Metering – TDSP Information panel



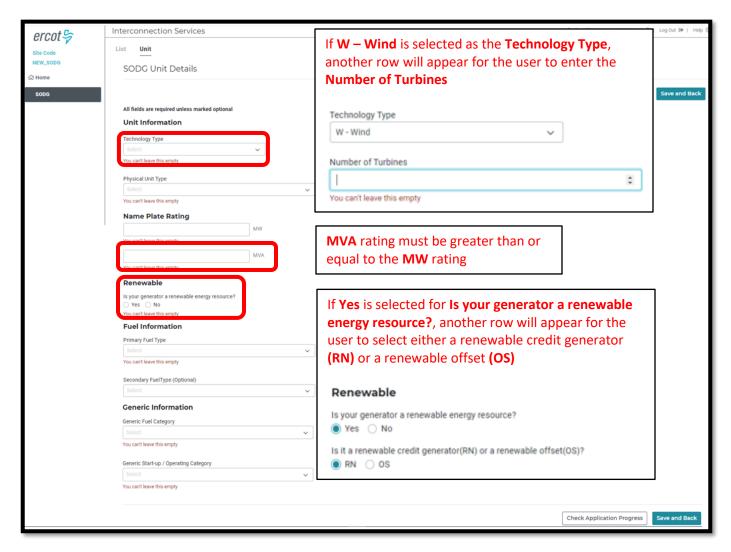




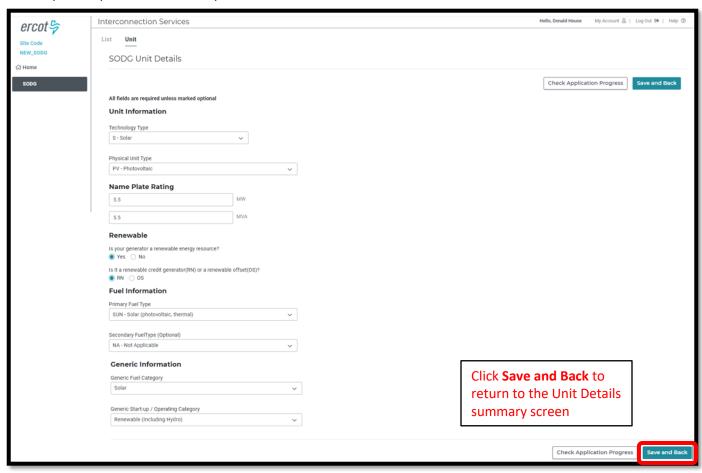
#### **Unit Details**

- Click on Start to open the Unit Details summary screen
- Click on the pencil icon to open the data entry panel





• Sample completed Unit Details panel







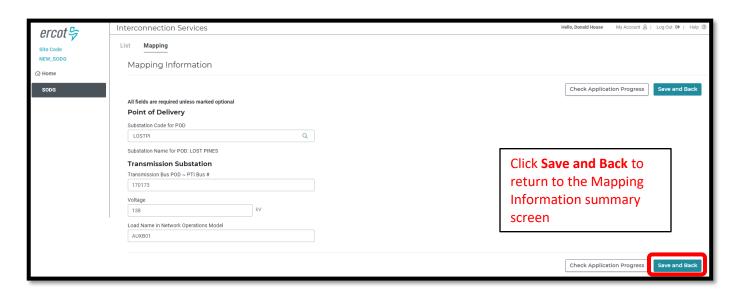
# **Mapping Information**

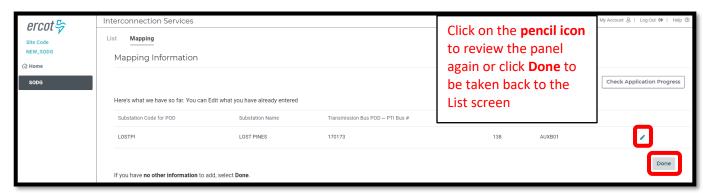
- Click on **Start** to open the Mapping Information summary screen
- Click on the **pencil icon** to open the data entry panel

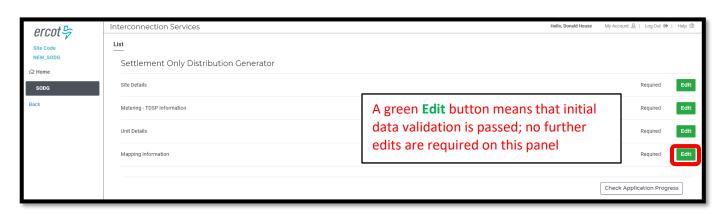




• Sample completed Mapping Information panel

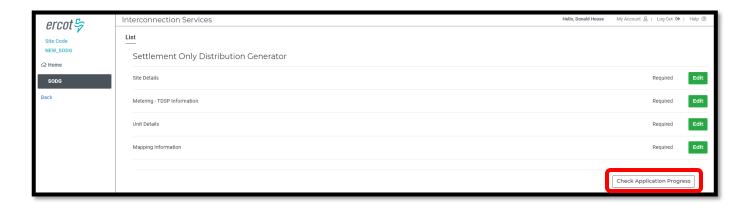




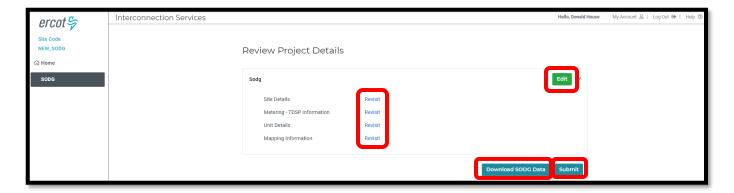


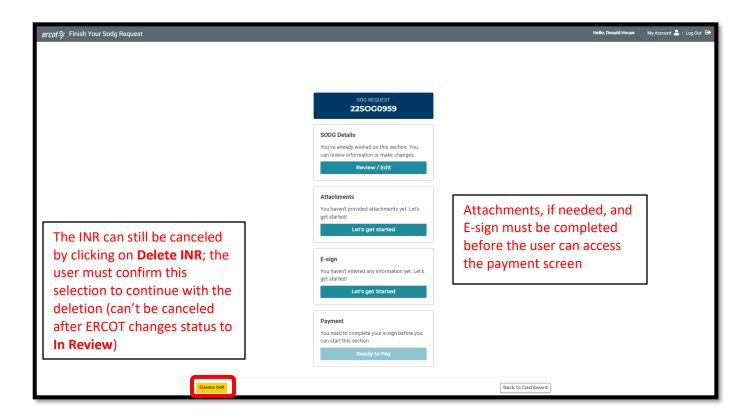
### **Check Application Progress**

 On the SODG List screen, click on Check Application Progress to open the Review Project Details summary screen



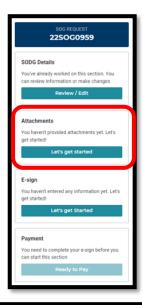
- On the Review Project Details screen, all data submission panels are listed
  - o Click on **Revisit** to return to any of the data entry panels
  - Make Corrections in red indicates that the panel is either missing required information or that something needs to be corrected
    - Any needed corrections will also cause Edit to appear in a red box
  - Edit in a green box indicates that all panels have been completed but the user has the option to go back to any panel to make revisions
  - Clicking on **Download SODG Data** will download an excel file with a separate tab containing the information added to each data entry panel
  - o Clicking on **Submit** will send the request to ERCOT and will move on to the final requirements
    - Attachments
    - E-sign
    - Payment

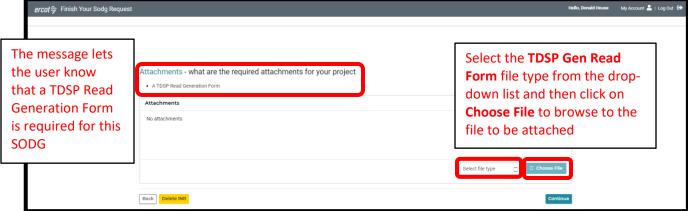




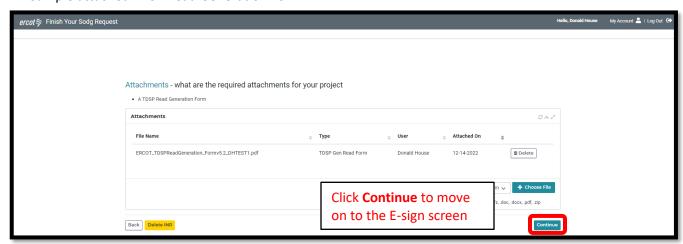
#### **Attachments**

• On the Finish Your SODG Request screen, click on **Let's get started** in the Attachments box to open the Attachments panel





• Sample attached TDSP Read Generation Form

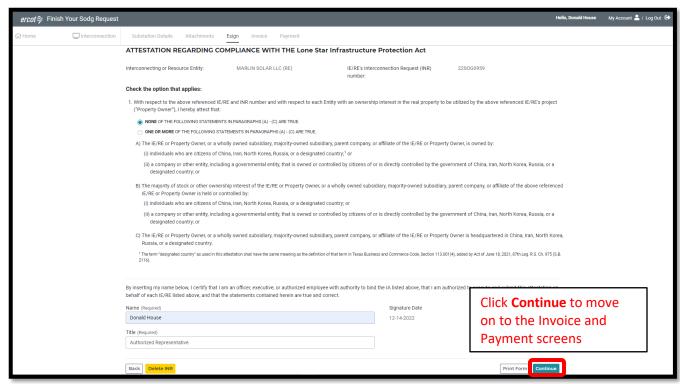


### E-sign

• ERCOT Planning Guide Section 8 Attachment D: Attestation Regarding Compliance with the Lone Star Infrastructure Protection Act is built into RIOO and must be completed by the RE as part of the submission

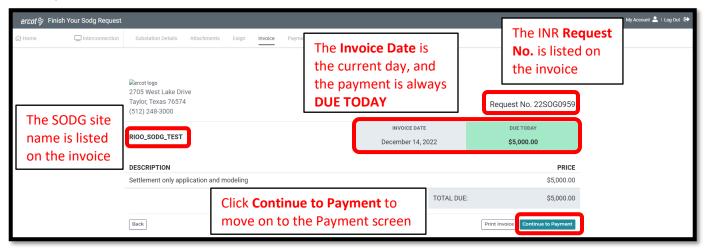


• Sample completed E-sign form

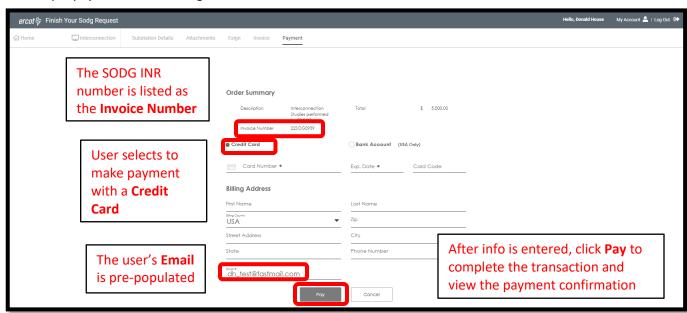


### **Invoice and Payment**

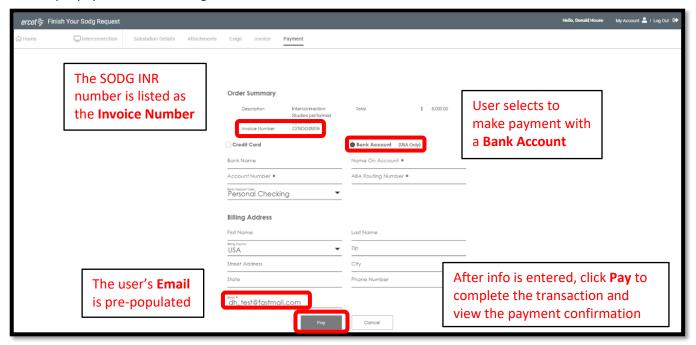
- Based on the current <u>ERCOT Fee Schedule</u>, REs will be charged \$5,000 for each new SODG to be added to the ERCOT Network Model
- This fee must be paid in RIOO to complete the SODG submission
- Sample invoice



Sample payment screen using credit card



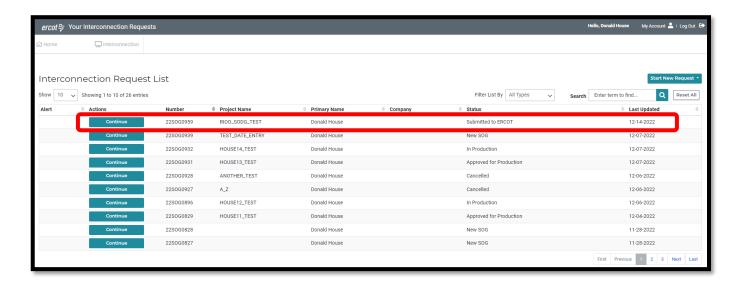
• Sample payment screen using bank account



• Sample payment confirmation



- Back on the Interconnection Request List, the user can view the newly submitted SODG request
  - o Note the status of **Submitted to ERCOT**



# **After submitting INR**

#### INR status

The INR submitter will receive automated emails from ERCOT with status updates as the request moves through the modeling process as well as any requests for revisions to the INR. The user can also view status changes on the Interconnection Request List.

- Status updates for a submitted INR include:
  - Submitted to ERCOT
  - o In Review
  - Approved for Production
  - o In Production

### **Confirming new SODG in production Network Model**

After the PLD for the newly created SODG, the INR submitter is encouraged to verify that the SODG is included in the real-time settlements for the associated QSE. ERCOT will verify that the SODG is in the production Network Model, but it is the responsibility of the RE/QSE to notify ERCOT if they notice a settlements issue for the SODG.

### **Updating an existing SODG**

To update an existing SODG, the RE must use the RIOO Resource Services application (RIOO – RS), which is accessed using the same RIOO user account. Refer to the RIOO User Guide – Updating an Existing SODG on the <u>Distributed Generation webpage</u> for details.



# **Reporting issues**

As ERCOT continues to develop the RIOO application, any functionality issues or suggestions for improvements can be sent via email to <a href="mailto:RIOO-Help@ercot.com">RIOO-Help@ercot.com</a>. Any significant updates to the application will be communicated through market notices.