OpenADR 2.0 is an application layer message exchange protocol used for two-way communication of Demand Response (DR), price, and Distributed Energy Resource (DER) signals between electricity service providers and their customers. The technical requirements for the protocol are defined in the OpenADR 2.0 Profile Specifications.

The OpenADR Alliance uses the OpenADR 2.0 Certification Test Harness developed by QualityLogic to certify OpenADR 2.0 devices. The same development and test tool is available to implementers of OpenADR so you can validate conformance to the specification during your development process and again prior to submitting your device for certification.

### Test Suite Architecture

All OpenADR 2.0 interactions are between a Virtual End Node (VEN) and a Virtual Top Node (VTN). When a test is run, the test harness plays the role opposite that of the device under test. For instance, when testing a VEN Push implementation, the test harness will play the role of a VTN Push implementation.

The OpenADR 2.0 Certification Test Harness development and test tool contains four separate test suites:

- VEN Push Test Suite
- VEN Pull Test Suite
- VTN Push Test Suite
- VTN Pull Test Suite

Each test case has a defined set of prerequisites, a test scenario consisting of a sequence of VEN/VTN message exchanges, and an expected result. Execution of a test scenario will result in payload exchanges between the DUT and the Test Harness.

Several forms of analysis are performed on this payload exchange (page 2).
• Message interaction patterns are as expected, including correct response and request payloads
• Properly formed XML.
• Conformance to OpenADR 2.0 schema.
• Specific conformance rules defined in the OpenADR Profile Specification are followed. For instance, an OpenADR 2.0 conformance rule states that the payload element signalType must contain the string “simple”. This is not validated by the schema, so it is done as a separate conformance rule analysis step.
• The intent of the test case is met. The test case may expect the VEN to send an optType of “optOut”, and if this is not received, the test case will fail.

Optional Test Cases
Some test cases are dependent on the ability to configure specific values on the Device Under Test. If those values are not configurable, the OpenADR 2.0 PICS document, which is available on the Alliance web site (www.openadr.org), provides a list of questions that determine which optional test cases can be skipped.

Development Environment
QualityLogic’s OpenADR 2.0 Certification Test Harness development and test tool was developed and is executed in the Eclipse Integrated Development Environment (IDE).

Other Development Resources
QualityLogic also offers OpenADR Training Workshops, Technical Support Contracts and a Cloud-based VTN for testing VEN implementations.

For more information or to purchase the OpenADR 2.0 Certification Test Tool visit www.openadr.org/openadr-test-tool.

For development support, including workshops and support services please visit www.qualitylogic.com.