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Application for Confidential Designation

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CHEERS submits this request for a confidential designation for information submitted for its 2025 Energy Code Compliance Program Provider Application and Residential Data Registry Application.

The request is authorized under Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 2505. Also, specifically designated under 10-103.3(c)(2).

The following documents are submitted for confidential designation and are requested to be kept confidential in their entirety for a minimum of 6 years.

This is consistent with the Commission’s **prior approvals** of substantially similar application materials for the HERS Program.

Each Exhibit submitted adds information and materials to the submissions already designated as Confidential by the CEC.

| Title | Description | Pages | Prior TN Number | Prior Confidential Designation TN # |
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| Exhibit D – QA Qualifications Updated | Adds QA personnel to the prior submissions | 4 | 264686 | 264688 |
| Exhibit L – EDDS Application Updated | Adds additional information for CEC review and overview. | 5 | 2666385 | 266384 |
| Exhibit I.2 NorCal Training Facility Updated | Adds additional information on Facility Practical Training Exercises and Features | 48 | 266021 | 266021 |
| Exhibit I – Training Facility Updated | Adds additional information on Facility Practical Training Exercises and Features | 49 | 266333 | 266334 |
| Exhibit H – Training Program Updated | Adds confirmation of edits and summary of all required practical training exercises. | 15 | 266291 | 266292 |
| Exhibit E – Rater Company Training Updated | Adds confirmation of edits. | 5 | 264687 | 264688 |
| Exhibit F – 2025 Update Training Updated | Adds confirmation of edits. | 5 | 264605 | 264609 |

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| Exhibit K –Registry Testing Updated | Adds updated Testing Information and additional information on Registry Demonstration and Overview of Features | 13 | 266332 | 266334 |
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The following provisions apply: Title 24 CCR Section 10-103.3(c)(2); Title 20 CCR Section 2505; CA Government Code Section 6254, Government Code Section 7927. 700. The information to be protected contains proprietary business information, trade secrets, and would otherwise cause a loss of competitive advantage. *How CHEERS applies for approval, the method and manner of application submissions is proprietary and should be protected.* How CHEERS programs its Data Registry, and EDDS tools, and the results of the testing are protected by proprietary information. How CHEERS supports its Training Program and QA program should also be protected

Specific nature of that advantage:

CHEERS has invested a substantial amount of time, money, and resources into collecting, managing, maintaining, designing, drafting, creating, programming and developing these programs, facilities, and data. Investments are not limited to the creation of the materials and information produced, but investments of resources to follow program requirements and policies. *How CHEERS applies for approval is unique to CHEERS.* How CHEERS programs its registry and EDDS tools is proprietary.

How the advantage would be lost:

The disclosure of this information would furnish valuable insights to any present or prospective competitor, enabling them to sidestep or minimize the significant investment required.

The value of the information to the applicant:

CHEERS has spent years and many hundreds of thousands of dollars developing, collecting, managing, and maintaining the data registry processes.

Ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others:

Acquiring or duplicating the data, documents, and data registry information and EDDS tools legitimately would present a significant challenge, requiring considerable time and financial investment for others.

None of the materials we request to be designated as confidential are suitable for aggregation. Any attempt at aggregation would likely result in the disclosure of confidential information.

The material has been kept confidential and has not been disclosed to any person other than CHEERS staff except where required by HERS Regulations.

The information is substantially similar to application materials previously designated as confidential under 22-HERS_01 and 25-BSTD-01.

I certify that the records at issue are substantially similar to the records previously designated as confidential and that the facts and circumstances have not changed.

“I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true,



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correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.”



Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod Tamayo".

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Product Manager

Rod Tamayo is authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of CHEERS (20 CCR 2505(a)(1)(G.)). For any questions regarding this submission, please contact Rod Tamayo at rtamayo@cheers.org