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Via Email

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**Application for Confidential Designation: CHEERS Application for Confidentiality
2026 Q1-QA Report**

Docket No. 26-BSTD-02

Dear Jimmy Wheeler:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received CHEERS, Inc.'s (applicant) Application for Confidentiality, docketed May 29, 2026 (TN 270356) covering the following documents:

- CHEERS 2026-Q1 Quarterly Report

The applicant states that the documents should be kept confidential indefinitely. The applicant states the time designation is consistent with the CEC's prior approval of confidentiality for similar CHEERS Quality Assurance logs submitted under docket 22-HERS-01 (TN 264127, June 2025).

The applicant states under penalty of perjury that substantially similar application materials were filed in June 2025 and granted confidentiality on basis that those logs contained home addresses and Rater identities that could constitute confidential personnel information under Government Code Section 7927.00.

Confidentiality Claims

The applicant argues California Government Code section 7927.700 applies. The applicant states that the information to be protected contains residential project addresses linked to QA audit findings. The applicant states that the document submitted here is the ECC Program equivalent of the logs previously deemed confidential, containing the same categories of protected information.

Government Code section 7927.700 does not require disclosure of personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Discussion

The Q1 Quarterly Report submitted by CHEERS includes residential project addresses and rater identities. The private homeowners included in the report are not parties to any regulatory proceeding and did not consent to public identification.

For these reasons, CHEERS has made a reasonable claim that the 2026 Q1 Quarterly Report is exempt from disclosure as confidential information under Government Code section 7927.700.

Executive Director's Determination

For the reasons stated, confidentiality is granted indefinitely for the CHEERS 2026 Q1 Quarterly Report.

Be advised that persons may petition to inspect or copy records that have been designated as confidential, the executive director may disclose, or release records previously designated as confidential in certain circumstances, and the CEC may hold a hearing to determine the confidentiality of the records on its own motion or on a motion by CEC staff. The procedures and criteria for disclosing or releasing, filing, reviewing, and acting upon such petitions or motions are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 2506 through 2508.

If you have questions, please email confidentialityapplication@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Drew Bohan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Drew Bohan
Executive Director