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Hello,

I have been a BPI Analyst and HERS rater for over 9 years. In 2014, I tried to join CalCerts for my repository service, and as they were the only option besides USERA for a HERS repository, it took weeks for a response to my inquiries, they were asking an arm and a leg for training (that I already been practicing for years as a BPI analyst), and deep fees for an alteration with AC HERS alteration project (26% of what I charge for my services.) I ended up going with USERA as they were accepted by the California Energy Commission, and actually responded to my questions.

Ultimately USERA, despite the protests of its clients, was put out of business with no explanation. Now Cal Energy; a much better organization that USERA or CalCerts for that matter; is being threatened.

If CalCerts succeeds, not only will they ultimately increase rates, hurting raters (and ultimately homeowners and contractors.) Also, we as raters will be exposed to no redundancy or choice of who we want to do business with. CalCerts will own a monopoly.

Cal Energy/CHEERS is a wonderful organization, always responsive to questions, has fabulous support. and their fees are within reason.

Please discontinue this distraction and damage to the California HERS System immediately. Should this lawsuit continue, I as a small business owner will need to understand exactly why this is happening again.

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Kind Regards,
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