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**APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION
(Title 20 Cal. Code. Regs., § 2505 et seq.)**

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Proceeding or Project Name: 2019 HERS Providers' Application for the 2019 Standards

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- 1(a). Title, date, and description (including number of pages) of the information or data for which you request confidential designation. **Information or data seeking a designation of confidentiality must be included with this application.**

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- 1(b). Specify the part(s) of the information or data for which you request confidential designation.

The letter to Michael Sokol and two attachments in response to CEC staff's request for additional information.

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2. State and justify the length of time the Energy Commission should keep the information or data confidential.

10 Years. This is consistent with the Commission's prior approval of confidentiality for HERS Prodivers. See docket 16-HERS-01.
TN# 212469

3(a). State the provision(s) of the Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) or other law that allows the Energy Commission to keep the information or data confidential, and explain why the provision(s) apply to that material.

Title 20 CCR Section 1674(b); Title 20 CCR Section 2505; Title 20 CCR Section 2025; CA Government Code Section 6254

3(b). Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the material submitted for a confidential designation. If the material contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant and the ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.

Please see Attachment 1.

4. State whether the information or data can be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.

None of the materials we are seeking confidential designation for are appropriate for aggregation.
Given the minimal docket submissions along these lines, any aggregation would likely reveal confidential information.

5. State how the material is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has even been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.

The confidential material has been kept confidential by the applicant and not disclosed and not disclosed to any person other than applicant staff and any persons named in the submission.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of the applicant.

Dated: 11-19-2021

Signed: Austin Grove



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Name (print or type): Austin Grove

Title: (print or type) Technical Product Manager

Representing: CHEERS

Include additional signature blocks if there are multiple partners in the project with shared responsibilities for making the request.

Attachment 1

The material enclosed discloses differential advantages and use of efficient internal systems which allows CHEERS to provide its services more efficiently, more effectively, and of higher quality to its customers. CHEERS has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in research and development creating these intellectual properties which are signature to the CHEERS brand. The ability for intellectual property and confidentiality allows CHEERS to invest the time and financial resources to invent and innovate with confidence it will be recuperated for its efforts.

The material enclosed also discusses:

- Security practices on how CHEERS communicates on RAI (Request for Additional Information) #3 and #4
- Ensuring security on RAI #2 and FCQ (Follow-up/Clarification Question) #2, FCQ #3, and FCQ #4
- Storing information on FCQ #3, CQ #4

If this information were to be released, it could significantly harm CHEERS' ability to keep its user's and their information private.