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## ***Tandem Energy Services and the CHEC Group Form Strategic Alliance***

Tandem Energy Services (TESI) joins the Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc. (CHEC) in a strategic alliance to provide CHEC members with the pinnacle of regulatory oversight and rate application resources. Gord Eamer, CHEC's Chief Operating Officer said, "This strategic alliance provides CHEC members with in-house rate application expertise to drive down regulatory costs and complexities".

Manuela Ris-Schofield from TESI has extensive experience in preparing regulatory submissions and Cost of Service applications on behalf of various Ontario power companies. She has acquired in-depth experience in the regulatory world of rate design and has a clear understanding of both the "pre" and "post" filing process of Cost of Service applications. Manuela said, "Small and Medium sized power companies have staff that wear many hats, in that they have a great understanding of the scope and scale of their businesses. At CHEC, we'll be creating standardized models and reporting procedures which will simplify and smooth out the workflow requirements for regulatory filings".

George Shaparew, the Chairman of CHEC said, "CHEC in its long term plan is strategically working toward delivering some form of a single rate application amongst all 13 members. This is a bold initiative that will ultimately benefit electricity customers served by our members. The strategic alliance with Manuela Ris-Schofield from TESI is another accomplishment towards our goal".

CHEC's mission is to deliver benefits of consolidation, without loss of individual control. Achieving scale, without relinquishing accountability and providing cost effective solutions for improving operating and delivery standards within each of the member companies. More information about CHEC and information about joining CHEC is available at:

<http://www.checenergy.ca/>

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