

Black & Veatch and Baker Tilly* Announce NERC Compliance Management Service Offering

Kansas City, Mo. (October ---, 2009) – Black & Veatch Corporation (“Black & Veatch”) and the accounting and advisory firm Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (Baker Tilly) announced a joint North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance management service that delivers a complete set of business process and technology solutions to support and optimize the client’s current and future NERC compliance management methods.

Key differentiators for the joint Black & Veatch/Baker Tilly offering include:

- Knowledge of NERC audits and standards, State requirements, and national and local energy legislation requirements in the United States and Canada
- Hands on experience evaluating utilities’ NERC Compliance programs, tools, controls and procedures used to document NERC compliance
- Experience in evaluating the quality of evidence assembled for the NERC compliance process
- Utility experience coupled with a SAP Business Objects Governance, Risk, and Compliance Solution (GRC)
- 15 years experience with SAP built around seven primary SAP business areas

Many NERC registered Responsible Entities need a robust information management tool that allow them to track the growing number of regulatory requirements and obligations, the accountabilities for complying with them, and the company’s performance in meeting these requirements. In the response that follows, the NERC Compliance Management Service can configure the SAP Business Objects Governance, Risk and Compliance Solution to fulfill the Responsible Entities’ needs.

However, software tools alone cannot deliver assurance of compliance. Experience has shown that compliance can only be achieved through the diligent application of rigorous compliance programs, controls and procedures designed with the goal of providing quality evidence of compliance during an audit process. Our team’s subject matter specialists have provided NERC compliance and audit readiness training to employees in all 8 NERC Regional Organizations throughout North America and to more than 50 Registered Entities. In addition to the configuration of the SAP GRC Solution, the service includes a thorough analysis of the client’s NERC compliance readiness position. Results of this analysis will be reviewed and incorporated into system requirements as needed.

For more information regarding this joint service, contact Stephen A. Stolze, Associate Vice President, Black & Veatch, 631-348-4090 x 204, stolzes@bv.com; or Russ Hissom, CPA, Partner Energy and Utilities, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, [608.240.2361](tel:608.240.2361), russ.hissom@bakertilly.com.

Black & Veatch

Enterprise Management Solutions (EMS) is the Management Consulting Division of Black & Veatch. EMS delivers value-added solutions through the application of first-hand industry expertise, exceptional program and project execution, thought leadership, proven methodologies and processes.

Black & Veatch is a leading global engineering, consulting and construction company specializing in infrastructure development in energy, water, telecommunications, management consulting, federal and environmental markets. Founded in 1915, Black & Veatch develops tailored infrastructure solutions that meet clients’ needs and provide sustainable benefits. Solutions are provided from the broad line of service expertise available within Black & Veatch, including conceptual and preliminary engineering services, engineering design, procurement, construction, financial management, asset management, program management, construction management, environmental,

security design and consulting, management consulting and infrastructure planning. With US\$3.2 billion in revenue, the employee-owned company has more than 100 offices worldwide and has completed projects in more than 100 countries on six continents.

Black & Veatch's global water business provides innovative, technology-based solutions to utilities, governments and industries worldwide. Local project teams work with multinational water and wastewater treatment process experts to address site-specific challenges through a broad range of consulting, study, planning, design, design-build and construction management services. The company's Web site address is www.bv.com.

Baker Tilly

Baker Tilly is the full-service accounting and advisory firm whose specialized professionals connect with you and your business through refreshing candor and clear industry insight. We speak your language and identify with your goals to consistently deliver solutions that are just right for you. Our specialized expertise and global reach in audit, tax, and management consulting support your organization's goals with knowledgeable, competitive insights. As an independent member of Baker Tilly International, the world's eighth largest network of accounting firms, we bring you access to market-specific knowledge in more than 110 countries. We are experienced professionals who know you and your world, Baker Tilly brings skill, integrity, and energy to every client relationship. One of the largest and fastest growing certified public accounting and advisory firms in the United States, Baker Tilly has more than 1,100 staff in 9 offices and was founded in 1931. We are ranked the 17th largest public accounting and consulting firm in the United States, according to *Public Accounting Report's* Top 100 of 2008.

Baker Tilly provides services to nearly 300 utilities through our Energy and Utilities Group with a combination of financial, business process, and industry-specific management consulting specialists that ensures you will be working with knowledgeable professionals who understand your business and the challenges you face — and can create innovative solutions to help you overcome them. Baker Tilly is recognized in the energy industry as a specialist on a host of emerging industry areas including training on NERC compliance audit readiness and audit techniques for NERC Regional Organizations and Registered Entities. Our company's Web site address is www.bakertilly.com.

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