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## Baker Tilly Announces New Services for Energy Providers

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, in conjunction with Black & Veatch Corporation, now offers two new services to help energy and utilities companies manage Smart Grid Investment Grants (SGIGs) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance.

The SGIG service aims to assist energy and utilities entities with the management, implementation, and administration of SGIG-funded programs, or programs that are jointly funded by an entity's state. Baker Tilly and Black & Veatch professionals will create processes and controls to guarantee that programs comply with Federal administrative, oversight, financial accounting, and reporting requirements. The service encompasses overall SGIG program management, independent assessment services, and independent engineering and construction management services.

The second new service tailors business process and technology solutions to a client's existing and projected NERC compliance management approach. Baker Tilly and Black & Veatch have provided training and audit preparation services to energy and utilities entities in all eight NERC regions across North America. These specialists have the knowledge and experience to help clients produce the high-quality evidence that the NERC demands. Through analysis of each client's specific ability to meet NERC requirements, improvements to an entity's systems and business processes can be incorporated as needed.

With staff totaling more than 1,300, Baker Tilly provides a wide range of accounting, tax, assurance, and consulting services. The firm has offices in Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, New York, and throughout Wisconsin. From this base, Baker Tilly serves energy and utilities clients throughout North America.

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