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Growth and Efficiency Drive AUS Consultants' Reorganization

Mount Laurel, NJ, October 17, 2006—AUS Consultants, serving the energy, public utility and intellectual property markets, has modified its corporate structure to better serve its clients. Rapid growth in the range of services it provides, and the method by which those services are delivered, has prompted the firm's top executives to adopt a reorganization plan that will simultaneously improve internal communications, promote greater sharing of knowledge and resources between consultants, and allow the company to expand and focus on its traditional and emerging products and services.

In addition to its core expertise—financial analysis and valuation support to the regulated utility industry—AUS is developing Internet and database oriented support services that respond directly to clients' most immediate needs. "We want to provide our clients with the best, most efficient management tools to streamline their critical business processes from start to finish," said Andre Chon, Principal and Director of AUS Consultants, and the principal architect of **CaseWorks**, the firm's new rate case management system.

"With new, cutting-edge services such as **CaseWorks** and **RoyaltySource**, restructuring is the proactive approach we've taken to better the products and services we offer. We will be more organized and efficient internally—all for the purpose of serving our clients," said Gary D. Shambaugh, Principal and Director of AUS Consultants.

The company has formed an executive committee to monitor the full range of its consulting practices. The committee is led by the following Principals and Directors who oversee each of the firm's areas of service:

Frank Hanley—Rate of Return
Jerry Weinert—Depreciation & Valuation
Gary Shambaugh—Revenue Requirements & Cost of Service
Dave Weiler—**RoyaltySource** & IP Management
Andre Chon—**CaseWorks** & Management Training

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