Antitrust Guidelines for CIGRE Meetings (summary)

WHY. The antitrust laws and other business laws apply to CIGRE, its members and respective employees, and advisers; violations can lead to civil and criminal liability.

WHEN AND WHERE. These guidelines apply before, during, and after CIGRE meetings, including in the hallways, over cocktails and at dinner.

CIGRE'S PRIMARY PURPOSE. Is to allow engineers and specialists from all around the world to exchange information and enhance their knowledge related to power systems.

YOUR ROLE. You are acting unbiasedly in the interest of CIGRE. Follow the meeting agenda; provide advice on CIGRE's technical program and how to make CIGRE most useful.

DO NOT DISCUSS. Pricing, production capacity or cost information which is not publicly available; confidential market strategies or business plans; and other competitively sensitive information.

WE WILL NOT RECOMMEND. Your use of particular vendors, contractors or consultants, and we will not promote or endorse commercial products or services of third parties. You must draw your own conclusions and make your own choices independently.

BE ACCURATE, OBJECTIVE, AND FACTUAL. In any discussions of goods and services offered in the market by others, including your competitors, suppliers, and customers.

DO NOT AGREE WITH OTHERS. To discriminate against or refuse to deal with (i.e. "boycott") a supplier; or to do business only on certain terms and conditions; or to set price, divide markets, or allocate customers.

DO NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE. Or advise others on their business decisions, and do not discuss yours (except to the extent that they are already public).

ASK. For advice from your own legal Department if you have questions about any aspect of these guidelines or about a particular situation or activity at CIGRE; or ask the responsible CIGRE manager to contact CIGRE Legal Counsel.

BE INFORMED. Read the Compliance Guide of CIGRE available on the CIGRE website for reference.