



Draft Agenda

WestConnect Transmission Developer Selection Process Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (MST)

Location:
Webinar

RSVP Instructions:
n/a

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1. Introductions
 2. Antitrust Statement Reminder
 3. Review process steps and timeline
 4. Review of draft procedures document
 5. COI definition
 6. Action Items and Next Steps
 7. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 22nd from 8-10am PST/9-11am MST
 8. Adjourn
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Draft for Consideration (3/17/15) - WestConnect Guidelines for Complying with Antitrust Laws

I. GENERAL

It should be the policy and practice (Policy) of the parties participating in the WestConnect Regional Transmission Planning Process (WestConnect Planning Process or, Planning Process) to obey the antitrust laws and avoid all conduct that unreasonably restrains competition. Under this Policy, participants should avoid any conduct or behavior that violates, or that might appear to violate, the antitrust laws. Among other things, the antitrust laws forbid any agreement between or among competitors regarding prices, availability of service, product design, terms of sale, division of markets, allocation of customers or any other activity that unreasonably restrains competition.

Antitrust laws are complex and subject to court interpretation that can vary over time and from one jurisdiction to another. The purpose of these guidelines is to alert WestConnect participants to potential antitrust problems that could arise and to set forth policies to be followed with respect to activities that may involve antitrust considerations. Any WestConnect participant who is uncertain about the legal ramifications of a particular course of conduct or who has doubts or concerns about whether antitrust laws or compliance therewith may be implicated in any situation within the WestConnect Planning Process should consult with their organization's legal counsel immediately.

II. ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE IN VIOLATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS

Participants in the activities of the WestConnect Planning Process (including those activities of its committees and subgroups) should refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in the Planning Process, (for example, at WestConnect meetings, conference calls and in informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information, especially margin (profit) and internal cost information and participants' expectations as to their future prices or internal costs.
- Discussions regarding a participant's marketing strategies.
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors.
- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets.
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors or suppliers.
- No decisions should be made nor any actions taken during Planning Process activities for the purpose of giving a WestConnect participant or group of participants a competitive advantage over other participants.
- In particular, decisions with respect to setting, revising, or assessing compliance with reliability standards should not be influenced by anti-competitive motivations.

III. ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ANTITRUST LAWS

Subject to the foregoing restrictions, participants in WestConnect Planning Process activities should feel free to discuss:

- Planning Process activities relating to the bulk power system in the WestConnect planning region in compliance with relevant orders of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Matters relating to the potential effects of Planning Process activities on the development of bulk electricity markets in the Western Interconnection, and the impact of electricity market operations on the reliability of the bulk power system.
- Proposed filings or other communications with state or federal regulatory authorities or other governmental entities.
- Matters relating to the internal governance, management and operation of WestConnect, such as nominations for vacant committee positions, budgeting and assessments, employment matters or the engagement of consultants or contractors; and procedural matters such as planning and scheduling meetings.