Anti-Trust / Competition Law Guidance

Activities and meetings of GIIGNL should be conducted in strict compliance with competition law.

GIIGNL and its Members should refrain from any actions which infringe the laws and rules established in their countries with regard to "anti-competitive practices".

In this regard the following "anti-trust" guidance on the prohibited exchange or discussion of information should be observed, with due consideration to the fact that such guidelines are of a general nature and cannot be considered as exhaustive:

- No information on how specific companies intend to respond to potential scenarios or to actions by Authorities. Information regarding potential energy issues or scenarios that may arise must be limited to generalities.
- No specific company's confidential or proprietary information.
- No specific company's merger / divestment plans, market or production information, facility runs, inventories, costs or cost components, purchasing or sales / marketing plans for particular products or services, prices or pricing of products or services (including forecasts); unless such information is publicly available.
- No specific company's information on employee compensation, benefits and remuneration.
- Nothing that could be construed as an agreement among Members, either explicit or implicit, regarding the purchase or sale of products or services, including but not limited to the prices of particular products or services provided by or received by a company, other terms of sales or purchases, allocation or division of markets or customers, restriction of the supply of products or services, etc...
- No disparagement or blacklisting of any products or third-party entities or individuals, particularly any vendor or customer.

In case of doubt, anti-trust counsel should be consulted.

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