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It is the express policy of the PCI Security Standards Council (“PCI SSC”) to require that all of its meetings, activities, and other forms of participation (“PCI SSC Activities”) be conducted strictly in accordance with U.S. federal and state antitrust laws, and with all foreign antitrust and anticompetition laws (collectively, “Antitrust Laws”). Because Antitrust Laws are complex and differ across jurisdictions, it is not possible to summarize them in this policy, and it is important to consult appropriate legal advisors at your own company for detailed guidance.

The following rules shall apply in connection with all PCI SSC Activities:

1. Agendas must be created, and minutes must be taken, for all PCI SSC meetings. These agendas and minutes must then be submitted to PCI SSC, along with any meeting materials, for archiving to document the topics discussed and any agreements reached.
2. Certain topics should never be discussed at, or in connection with, any PCI SSC Activity, nor should any participant in PCI SSC Activities (each a “Participant”) ever form an agreement with any other Participant in connection with these topics under similar circumstances. In particular, DO NOT, at any time, discuss or agree upon:
 - Current or future Participant prices, or their strategies relating thereto
 - Participant price related information (e.g., price changes, quotations, policies, levels, differentials, markups, discounts, or allowances, delivery charges, credit or warranty policies, or other conditions of sale)
 - Participant output, capacity, inventory levels or costs
 - Participant market shares or those of others
 - Participant levels of investment or development, or changes to such levels
 - Participant current or future design or marketing strategies
 - How much or little a Participant is capable of producing or will sell of any product or service
 - Whether a Participant has submitted a bid, or will or will not bid, in any given situation
 - Where any Participant will or will not sell any product or service
 - Whether any Participant will or will not deal with any third party
 - The terms upon which a Participant will make any intellectual property rights available, except to the extent permitted or required under the PCI SSC IPR Policy

If you become aware of any activity that may be in violation of any of the above rules, please bring them promptly to the attention of a PCI SSC representative.

For more information regarding Antitrust Laws, please see the PCI SSC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.
