Engagement Ground Rules for the ANSI/AWEA Wind Standards Committee

The following ground rules are established and agreed upon in order to guide the conduct of the ANSI/AWEA Wind Standards Committee, or related subordinate group, (collectively, WSC) members (hereafter referred to just as “Members”). Accordingly, each Member must agree to these ground rules before participating with in the WSC.

Members commit themselves to:

1. **Good Intentions**: All Members will strive in good faith to develop unified positions on major policies, legislation, and strategies to be recommended by the Committee and/or Working Group and ultimately approved by the AWEA Board.

2. **Accurate Representation**: Both publicly and privately, all Members will communicate the AWEA standards or their development process accurately and will not misrepresent the position of the WSC and/or AWEA.

3. **No Surprises**: All Members will inform the Secretariat if their company’s position is substantively different than AWEA’s standards before publicly or privately advancing their position.

4. **Leading Despite Disagreements**: In the event of existing or potential disagreements on standards or their development process, we will pursue the agreed upon consensus position.

5. **Side-bar Discussions**: Acknowledging that new ideas that may be inconsistent with an AWEA standard may surface during discussions, Members agree to honor the spirit of these standards by discussing the concepts involved with the Secretariat on a parallel track with other discussions.

6. **Confidentiality**: All Members agree to protect the confidentiality of sensitive information and strategies that are shared within the WSC and/or by AWEA.

7. **Consult**: Whenever in doubt about any of the above, all Members will consult with the Secretariat.

8. **Accountability**: The Secretariat will appropriately enforce these ground rules, including removal from the WSC, if deemed necessary.

9. **Conflict of Interest**: Members shall put the welfare of the WSC before personal benefit. Members having a personal or business interest in a matter under consideration must disclose that interest to the Secretariat.

10. **Antitrust**: To be in compliance with antitrust laws, Members must observe AWEA’s antitrust compliance guidelines that prohibit all contracts, combinations or conspiracies that unreasonably restrain trade.