

5. Once selected, a panellist shall continue to make all reasonable efforts to become aware of any interests, relationships, or matters referred to in paragraph 3 and shall disclose them. The disclosure obligation is a continuing duty that requires a panellist to disclose any such interests, relationships, or matters that may arise during any stage of the proceeding. The panellist shall disclose such interests, relationships, or matters by informing the Commission, in writing, for consideration by the Parties.

*Duties of Panellists*

6. Upon selection, a panellist shall perform his or her duties thoroughly and expeditiously throughout the course of the proceeding with fairness and diligence.

7. A panellist shall consider only those issues raised in the proceeding and necessary for a ruling and shall not delegate this duty to another person.

8. A panellist shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that his or her assistant and staff are aware of, and comply with paragraphs 2 through 5, 16, 17, and 18.

9. A panellist shall not engage in *ex parte* contacts concerning the proceeding.

*Independence and Impartiality of Panellists*

10. A panellist shall be independent and impartial, shall avoid creating an appearance of impropriety or bias, and shall not be influenced by self-interest, outside pressure, political considerations, public clamour, loyalty to a Party or fear of criticism.

11. A panellist shall not, directly or indirectly, incur any obligation or accept any benefit that would in any way interfere, or appear to interfere, with the proper performance of his or her duties.

12. A panellist shall not use his or her position on the panel to advance personal or private interests and shall avoid actions that may create the impression that others are in a special position to influence him or her.

13. A panellist shall not allow financial, business, professional, family or social relationships or responsibilities to influence his or her conduct or judgement.

14. A panellist shall avoid entering into a relationship or acquiring a financial interest that is likely to affect his or her impartiality or that might reasonably create an appearance of impropriety or bias.