

BARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC AUTHORITY

**Antitrust Compliance Policy**

It shall be the policy of the BCEA to be in strict compliance with all Federal and State Antitrust Laws, rules and regulations. Therefore:

- I. These policies and procedures apply to all board, committee and other meetings of the Barren County Economic Authority, and all meetings attended by representatives of the BCEA.
- II. Discussions of prices or price levels is prohibited. In addition, no discussion is permitted f any elements of a company’s operations which might influence price such as:
  - a. Cost of operations, supplies, labor or services;
  - b. Allowance for discounts;
  - c. Terms of sale including credit arrangements; and,
  - d. Profit margins and mark ups, provided this limitation shall not extend to discussions of methods of operations, maintenance, and similar matters in which cost or efficiency is merely incidental.
- III. It is a violation of Antitrust laws to agree not to compete, therefor discussions of division of territories or customers or limitations on nature of business carried on or products sold are not permitted.
- IV. Boycotts in any form are unlawful. Discussion relating to boycotts is prohibited, including discussions about blacklisting or unfavorable reports about particular companies including their financial situation.
- V. It is the BCEA’s policy that all meetings attended by representatives of the BCEA where discussion can border on an area of antitrust sensitivity, the BCEA representative request that the discussion be stopped and asks that the request be made a part of the minutes of the meeting being attended. If others continue such discussion, the BCEA representative should excuse him/herself from the meeting and request that the minutes show that they left the meeting at that point and why they left. Any such instances should be reported immediately to the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board.