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TO: MEMBERS OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CIGRÉ

Dear Members:

Registration for 2006 CIGRÉ Session

The General Program for the 41st CIGRÉ General Session & Exhibition to be held in Paris, France, from Sunday, August 27 through Friday, September 1, 2006 is attached and available on the U.S. National Committee's (USNC) website (www.cigre-usnc.org).

Please note that you are requested to send your pre-registration form (attached) and registration form (attached) with payment for the 2006 Session to the USNC. (A copy of the pre-registration form should also be sent to the CIGRÉ Paris Office.) As indicated on the form, the formal registration form with payment is to be processed through your national committee — the U.S. National Committee. Only CIGRÉ members that do not have a national committee are to send their formal registrations to the CIGRÉ Paris Office.

The USNC is prepared to accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express credit cards in addition to personal and corporate checks for registration to the Paris Session. The credit cards can also be used for CIGRÉ individual membership dues (membership form attached).

A. PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2006 CIGRÉ PARIS SESSION

For the first time, a “pre-registration” form for the 2006 CIGRÉ Paris Session has been suggested by the CIGRÉ Paris Office. It is intended to give the Paris Office a heads up on potential registrations. The pre-registration form is voluntary, requires no payment, and does not commit attendance at the 2006 Session. However, if you anticipate possibly attending the Session, please complete the pre-registration form (attached) and send it to me, the USNC Secretary-Treasurer, with a copy to the Paris Office by March 31, 2006.

Once your plans for attending the 2006 Paris Session are firm, whether you completed the pre-registration form or not, you must complete the 2006 formal “registration” form (attached) with full payment in local currency (US dollars) and send it to me, the USNC Secretary-Treasurer, as indicated on the form. (Only CIGRÉ members that do not have a national committee are to send their final registration forms to the CIGRÉ Paris Office.)

B. REGISTRATION FOR 2006 CIGRÉ PARIS SESSION

To formally register for the 2006 CIGRÉ Paris Session, please complete and send the 2006 formal “registration” form, which is a slightly modified registration form for USNC members, along with your registration fees (check or credit card) to me, the Secretary-Treasurer of the U.S. National Committee. The formal registration forms are to be completed by August 12, 2006 or earlier. The registration fees are discussed below.

The formal registration form provides for member and accompanying person registrations, the distribution of session papers on a CD ROM, and registration for the CIGRÉ Evening Event on Thursday, August 31, 2006 sponsored by the French National Committee and CIGRÉ.

C. REGISTRATION FOR HOTELS AND TOURIST VISITS

The other registration forms listed below, with payment in Euros, provide for

- ◆ hotel (room) accommodations (form attached), and
- ◆ tours and activities (form attached)

and should be completed, as appropriate, and sent directly to the C. Mathez Viazur Voyages Travel Agency at the indicated address shown on the forms. The USNC and CIGRÉ Paris office cannot process these other forms.

D. REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2006 CIGRÉ PARIS SESSION

Fees, in U.S. dollars, by check or credit card should be sent to the USNC Secretary-Treasurer at the above address. Checks should be made payable to the U.S. National Committee.

- 1) If you register BEFORE MAY 31, 2006:
 - ◆ Member rate (dues paid for 2006) \$1000 (US)
 - ◆ Non-member rate (all others) \$1250 (US)

- 2) If you register BETWEEN JUNE 1 and AUGUST 12, 2006:
 - ◆ Member rate (dues paid for 2006) \$1175 (US)
 - ◆ Non-member rate (all others) \$1400 (US)

- 3) Registration of accompanying person/visitor \$100 (US)

- 4) Registration after AUGUST 12, 2006 Call USNC office (609-452-8060)
will be through the CIGRÉ Paris Office on site

- 5) Technical Exhibition Free to registered delegates

All 2006 Paris Session registration cancellations must be in writing to the Paris Central Office, 21 rue d'Artois, F-75008, PARIS, with a copy to the USNC Secretary-Treasurer, before August 12, 2006. Cancellations before that date will be reimbursed less an amount of 150 Euros (about \$190 (US)) per delegate and 20 Euros (about \$25 US)) per companion for Paris Secretariat expenses. Return of registration fees after August 12, 2006 will not be possible.

E. U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION MEETING

The USNC will hold an information meeting in Paris about the 2006 CIGRÉ Session and the status of Study Committee activities early on Sunday afternoon, August 27, 2006, prior to the 2006 Paris opening plenary session and reception. U.S. representatives to the CIGRÉ Study Committees, who will be attending the Paris Session, are requested to make a brief summary presentation (~5 minutes) on their respective Study Committee's activities. Information on this USNC meeting will be provided to the USNC registrants under separate cover in July 2006.

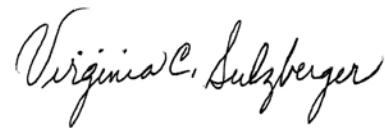
F. U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE RECEPTION

The USNC Reception at the 2006 CIGRÉ Paris Session will be held on Monday evening, August 28, 2006 at the Pavillon Gabriel (near the U.S. Embassy), 5 Avenue Gabriel, Paris. Based on receipt of your formal registration form, we will forward the Reception invitation to you by the end of July 2006. The invitation will serve as your ticket of admission. The final date to receive invitations for the Reception will be early August 2006. Admission at the door can only be granted to individuals with invitations, whose names appear on the USNC's master list of attendees. This Reception is expected to be free to USNC members due to the largess of several corporate collective members and other corporate supporters of the USNC.

G. CLOSURE

In summary, the USNC hopes that you will avail yourself (and an accompanying person(s)) of the opportunity to attend the 2006 CIGRÉ Paris Session. It should be another memorable Session based on the planned technical program, exhibition, and social functions. I look forward to receiving and processing your pre-registration and formal registration requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia C. Sulzberger".

Attachments (6)

- 2006 CIGRÉ Program Brochure
- Pre-registration Form for USNC Members
- Formal Registration Form for USNC Members
- USNC 2006 Individual Membership Form
- Hotel Accommodations Form
- Tours and Activities Form