

# Plain Talk about the Electric Power System

## Education for Power Industry Professionals

**September 15—17, 2010    Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
BC Hydro Edmonds Auditorium Skytrain Room, Burnaby**

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THE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM enables our economy and society to function. In some way everything that impacts our lives, from our homes, our businesses, our government, and our critical infrastructure requires a dependable and economic supply of electricity.

Although the electric power system was initially developed in the late 1800s and is considered the most significant engineering accomplishment of the 20th Century, it still is undergoing change; partly driven by technology, partly driven by economic forces and partly driven by governmental action. Yet many individuals, even those involved with the industry, do not fully understand how a power system operates and what technical changes might impact the system as it continues to evolve in the 21st Century.

**Check out these exciting courses offered by the IEEE Power & Energy Society:**

#### **Our “Basics” Series For Non-Engineering Power Professionals**

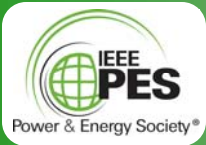
- **Power System Basics—Understanding the Electric Utility Operation Inside and Out**
- **Distribution Systems—Delivering Power to the Customer**
- **The Grid—The Interconnected Electric Bulk Power System**

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Plan to attend if you are a utility board member or manager, a business executive, a power broker, a power marketer, a government official, a regulatory or legislative staff member, a public affairs administrator, an attorney, member of a consumer group, a member of the media, an economist, an accountant, or an engineer not in the power field, or anyone with an interest in learning about electric power systems upon which we all depend.

These courses are also appropriate for engineers who are not currently in the power industry but are transitioning to the industry or would like to learn more about it.





## COURSE DATES, DESCRIPTIONS & INSTRUCTOR BIOS

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### For Non-Engineering Power Professionals

#### Sept. 15: Power System Basics—Understanding the Electric Utility Operation Inside and Out William J. Ackerman

The focus of this course will be on providing a thorough foundation in electric power systems, planning, operations, economics and various regulatory frameworks. Basic electrical terminology will be explained in simple to understand language with regard to design, construction, operation and maintenance of power plants, substations and transmission and distribution lines. Anyone who is not a professional engineer and involved in the decision making process within the electric utility environment can benefit from attendance at this course.

##### TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Introduction and Brief History
- Fundamentals of Electric Power
- Generation and Transmission
- Distribution and Utilization
- Power Systems Protection
- Power Systems Operation and Interconnection
- Regulation.



**William J. Ackerman** started work with Automatic Electric Company on one of the first solid-state SCADA systems (CONITEL-2000) after receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering. He then worked for Leeds & Northrup Company as Manager of Conitel Systems. Bill joined Florida Power Corporation in 1973 as Manager of Energy Control Center Operations, responsible for a new Energy Management System (EMS) computer system and for power system generation and transmission operations. He joined ABB as a Project Manager in the Systems Control Division in 1990. Bill transferred to ABB's Substation Automation and Protection Division in 1996, where he was Manager of Substation Automation Systems until he retired in December 2002. He now works as an independent consultant. A major activity is providing NERC-certified training to power system operators and dispatchers related to all aspects of the design and operation of electric power systems. Bill is a Life Senior Member of the IEEE and the IEEE Power and Energy Society; and a member of the IEEE-PES Distinguished Lecturers Panel. He is past-Chairman of the Substations Committee of the PES, and of the Automatic and Supervisory Systems Subcommittee. Bill is an active member of the IEEE Standards Association, and the Standards Working Groups of the PES Substations Committee. He is a member of the U.S. Delegation to TC57 of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). He has authored and co-authored numerous papers, including the IEEE Tutorial, Fundamentals of Supervisory Systems.



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#### Sept. 16: Distribution System—Delivering Power to the Customer Maurice Ney

Attendees will receive a thorough briefing and understanding of the issues associated with the planning, engineering, design, operation, and automation of electrical distribution systems. This course is intended for those who are not familiar with the delivery of electricity to the end user.

##### **The Function of the Distribution System and Its Place in the Electric Delivery System**

*An Examination of the Planning Issues:* Demographics, economics, optimization of asset usage, safety, aesthetics, customer relationships, government regulator relationships, reliability—including availability, dependability, and quality.

*Engineering Design and Operation Issues:* Operational designs, equipment performance, overhead and underground construction.

*Historical Development:* Evolution of the distribution system—past to present.

*The Distribution System in North America and in Other Countries*

*Overhead vs. Underground:* Construction advantages and limitations. Examining reliability, aesthetic, restoration, outages and lessons learned.

##### **Distribution Planning Considerations: The Long Range and the Short Range Issues**

*Distribution Engineering Considerations*

*Engineers-Technicians & Others:* Electrical, Civil/Surveyors and Technicians.

*Engineering Tasks:* Includes the planning process and technology issues, budgetary issues, loss mitigation, circuit routing, circuit load ratings, voltage regulation, equipment performance, type of equipment, equipment limitations and standards.

*Operating Engineering Tasks:* Operating challenges to the engineer covering practical problems including crew schedules, union rules, safety rules and accounting procedures.

*Distribution Automation:* Concepts and differences in distribution automation.

*Defining the Project:* Including service reliability, outage management, disaster recovery.

##### **Distribution and Distributed Generation**

*Radial Circuits:* National and international issues and the role of standards.

*Secondary Network Circuits:* Addressing the interconnection challenge.



**Maurice Ney** has extensive experience in operations, engineering, planning, and customer care. He has a proven record of achieving continuous improvements in process, costs, system improvements, and customer satisfaction. In addition he has significant experience in managing transmission and distribution operations in the utility industry. As an independent consultant on utility operations, he has worked as a team member on projects for utilities in the Northwest and on the East Coast performing evaluations of current state transmission and distribution operations and the design of future state processes for improved performance and reliability. He has worked with the Electric Power Research Institute as a technical consultant on outage management, recovery and disaster planning, strategic planning and development of technical specifications for the design of an Advanced Outage Management System, and the development of key initiatives targeted at the prevention of, preparedness for, and recovery from man made and natural disasters and the major electric power outages that can accompany them. He has held various engineering and management positions at a major electric utility. During this time, he has actively participated in the development of a \$150 million capital and operating budget, developed an incentive compensation model based on profitability and customer satisfaction, developed strategies for complying with state and federal regulatory agencies, and assisted in the development of a process-focused organization and strategies to attain top quartile performance as defined by customer satisfaction cost/customer, and reliability. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and he is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania.



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#### Sept. 17: The Grid—The Interconnected Electric Bulk Power System

**Robert W. Waldele**

This course is intended for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of how the interconnected electric bulk power systems in the United States or “grids,” work. This would include economists, attorneys and other non-technical professionals, as well as engineers and technically educated personnel. It should be particularly relevant for market participants, since a better understanding of the grid and how it functions will lead to more efficient use of resources and avoidance of unnecessary costs.

##### TOPICS INCLUDED:

- The concept of interconnection.
- Power flow, “loop flow,” transient stability, and VAR.
- Control Areas, Reliability Councils, NERC/ERO, ISOs and RTOs.
- Reliability standards and contingency analysis.
- Transmission Transfer Capabilities and how they are determined.
- Economic constraints vs. reliability risks.
- The Great Blackouts.

**Robert W. Waldele** is a power system consultant with over 35 years of experience in EHV transmission system reliability studies, power system operation, and system operator training. He holds a BSEE from Northwestern University Technological Institute (McCormick School of Engineering). Bob joined the New York Power Pool in 1972 in the energy management system support group. As a Senior Engineer in Transmission Planning he coordinated system planning and reliability studies for the coordination of the bulk transmission system in New York State. While there he also served as Manager of System Operator Training and developed the transition program to open access and market operation under the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO). Following NYISO start-up, he was named Manager of the NYISO Operations Engineering group and the Electric System Planning department. He has served on a number of working groups under the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, including Special Protection Systems, Interconnected System Dynamics, Dynamic Controls and System Operator Training. He was a member of the New York State Reliability Council’s Reliability Rules Subcommittee. He has been an active participant in IEEE working groups including Transmission Subcommittee, Power System Dynamics, and the Operator Training Working Group. He served on the US-Canada Joint Task Force August 14, 2003 Blackout Investigation “Operator Tools, Training & EMS Performance Evaluation” Team, and supported the Sequence of Events and Root Cause Analysis teams.

The Grid course is based on seminars and workshops previously conducted for a variety of organizations, including: BC Hydro, Cegelec ESCA (Bellevue, WA), the U.S. Department of Defense, FERC Staff, the Florida PSC Staff, Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, the ISO-New England Board, Kansas City Power & Light, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Mappcor (St. Paul, MN), Mirant Corporation (Atlanta), the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers, the New York State Reliability Council, the New York State Public Service Commission, and ITC Transmission.

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**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS:** An early bird 10% discount is offered to attendees who register and pay on or before August 20, 2010.

**GROUP DISCOUNTS:** 10% discount offered to two or more conference registrants from the same company or organization. Contact Susan Koval (s.koval@ieee.org, 732-562-6897) for discount code prior to registration.

Fee includes continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshment breaks and all course materials.

### 1-CHOOSE YOUR ENROLLMENT OPTION (Prices are in CAD; taxes will be applied at registration):

**THREE COURSE ENROLLMENT** (please check the appropriate box)

- Early Bird Fee** (paid registration on or before August 20, 2010) - \$1,935
- Regular Fee** (paid registration after August 20, 2010 and on site) - \$2,150
- Group Rate** (10% discount from Early Bird or Regular Fee)  
On or before August 20, 2010: \$1,742 per person    After August 20: \$1,935 per person    Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO COURSE ENROLLMENT** (please check the appropriate box)

- Early Bird Fee** (paid registration on or before August 20, 2010) - \$1,360
- Regular Fee** (paid registration after August 20, 2010 and on site) - \$1,510
- Group Rate** (10% discount from Early Bird or Regular Fee)  
On or before August 20, 2010: \$1,224 per person    After August 20: \$1,360 per person    Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONE COURSE ENROLLMENT** (please check the appropriate box)

- Early Bird Fee** (paid registration on or before August 20, 2010) - \$715
- Regular Fee** (paid registration after August 20, 2010 and on site) - \$795
- Group Rate** (10% discount from Early Bird or Regular Fee)  
On or before August 20, 2010: \$644 per person    After August 20: \$715 per person    Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2-CHOOSE YOUR COURSE(S):

- Power System Basics     Distribution System     The Grid

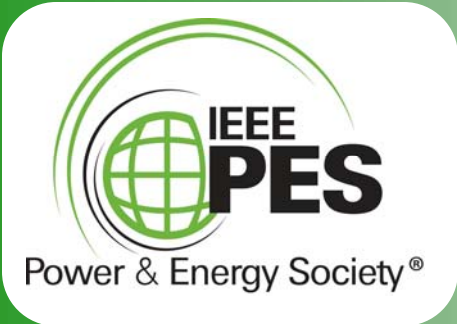
### TO REGISTER AND TO FIND INFORMATION ON LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

GO TO [www.ieee-pes.org](http://www.ieee-pes.org) and follow the links to EDUCATION/PROGRAMS/PLAINTALK

You may pay online via credit card, or you may register online, print the form and then pay via check.  
Instructions are on the registration website.

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Cancellations made in writing prior to August 31 will be fully refunded, less a \$50 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds after August 31, 2010. If an enrollee is unable to attend, the fee may be used by a substitute, or for enrollment in a future course. In the unlikely event of an event cancellation, registrants will receive a full refund for the cost of registration only.



**WHETHER YOU WORK IN THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY OR NOT**, if you're interested in learning more about how the electric power system works, you now have the opportunity to gain the knowledge you need in a manner that you can understand.

As an attendee you will gain insight into the concerns of engineers, the demands of regulators and consumer groups and a perspective of how these factors play a major role in the operation of today's electric power systems.

**PES Plain Talk courses for the Non-Engineering Power Professional** will help you to understand technical aspects of the Electric Power System, even if you do not have an engineering background. You will gain insights into the concerns of engineers, the demands of regulators and consumer groups, and the factors and trends that impact the operation of today's electric power systems. These courses are also appropriate for non-power engineers who are transitioning to the electric power industry.

**PES Plain Talk courses for the Engineering Power Professional** are designed for engineers and technical staff in the electric power industry who are looking to increase their understanding and knowledge of critical technical areas in the industry. The courses provide an overview of the topic while allowing for interaction and a deeper dive into particular areas of interest.

**PES Plain Talk courses about the Smart Grid for Power Professionals** are designed for both technical and non-technical staff in the electric power industry who are looking to increase their insight into one of the hottest technical areas in power today. The courses provide the fundamentals of smart grid along with practical tools that can be used in the workplace.

### ABOUT PES:

The Power & Energy Society is the society of electric power and energy professionals throughout the world. It provides the world's largest forum for sharing the latest in technological developments in the electric power industry, for developing standards that guide the development and construction of equipment and systems, and for educating members of the industry and the general public.



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**Unless noted otherwise, courses run from 8:00 am—5:00 pm.  
Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:30 am.**