Plain Talk about the Electric Power System

Education for Power Industry Professionals

April 14-16, 2014    Chicago, Illinois
McCormick Place, West Building
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THE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM enables our economy and society to function. In some way everything that impacts our lives, from where we live to where we work, from our government to our infrastructure, is dependent on a secure and reliable supply of electricity. Yet many individuals, including those who work in or with the electric power industry, do not have a basic understanding of the electric power system, how it operates or how it is evolving.

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 System—Delivering Power to the Customer
- Transmission System — The Interconnected Bulk Electric System

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
PLAN TO ATTEND if you work within the power industry in a non-engineering capacity, or if you are a new power engineer or one transitioning to the power industry from another field. Others who would benefit from the course are those who work with the industry, such as utility board members, business executives, power brokers, power marketers, government officials, regulatory or legislative staff members, public affairs administrators, media professionals, attorneys, economists, accountants, or anyone with an interest in learning about the electric power systems upon which we all depend.

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April 14: Power System Basics—Understanding the Electric Utility Operation Inside and Out
William J. Ackerman

The focus of this course is to provide a fundamental foundation in electric power systems, from basic formulas to the planning, operations, and equipment involved in generating, transmitting, and distributing electric power. 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 involved in some way with the electric utility industry can benefit from attendance at this course.

Topics covered in the course include an introduction to the fundamentals and basic formulas of electricity as well as the equipment involved in the electric power system. An overview of generation, substations, transmission, distribution, and utilization is provided. Protection, reliable operation, and safety are among the topics covered.

April 15: Distribution System—Delivering Power to the Customer
Joseph L. Koepfinger & Maurice Ney

(Prerequisite for this course is Power System Basics or a familiarity with basic formulas and power system equipment.)

The focus of this course is to provide attendees with an overview of the issues associated with the planning, engineering, design, operation, and automation of electrical distribution systems. Types of distribution systems and network circuits, as well as engineering issues related to distribution systems will be explored. New concepts in the design, challenges, and operation of smart grid will be addressed. This course is intended for those who are not familiar with the delivery of electricity to the end user.

Topics covered in the course include an introduction to the types of distribution systems, issues associated with distribution planning such as outages and reliability, distribution engineering considerations relating to radial and secondary networks, and distribution automation. The course also provides an overview of electrical distribution operations, including the roles of utility personnel, construction and maintenance considerations, and trends in the industry. Smart grid and its impact on the distribution system will be explored.

April 16: Transmission System—The Interconnected Bulk Electric System
Doug Bowman

(Prerequisite for this course is Power System Basics or a familiarity with basic formulas and power system equipment.)

The focus of this course is to provide participants with knowledge of how electric power is transferred from generation sources to distribution systems via the interconnected electric bulk power system known as "the grid." Basic physical laws governing the grid will be introduced, as well as the regulatory agencies involved in its governance. The great blackouts will be explored. This course is intended to increase participant's understanding of the electric grid and how it functions in the electric power system.

Topics covered in the course include an introduction to the fundamental concepts of power, energy, and power system stability as they relate to the grid. The grid is explored in terms of its interconnections, power flow, North American interconnections, and governing bodies such as NERC/ERO, ISOs, and RTOs. Reliability standards and contingency analysis are addressed. Issues related to the planning and operation of the grid, such as transmission and economic constraints, determining transmission transfer capability, and dealing with congestion are reviewed. The course also discusses the great blackouts, their root causes, and lessons learned.

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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.

Joseph L. Koepfinger is a consultant with 51 years of utility experience, recently retired from Duquesne Light Company. In his last position he was Director of System Studies and Research, where he was responsible for managing the research programs. While employed at Duquesne he was responsible for the conduct of special investigations of technical problems, insulation coordination, surge protection and, in particular, the studies of electrical transient conditions in power systems. Recent investigations under his leadership involve the study of the characterization and management of electromagnetic fields, cable failure, manhole explosions, transformer fire control, interconnection of distributed resources and advanced outage management systems. He has worked in the fields of protection, communications and control, and surge protection. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania and a Certified Cogeneration Professional.

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 Advance 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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Doug Bowman is a Lead Engineer in the R & D and Special Studies group at Little Rock, AR based Southwest Power Pool, where he has served in various engineering roles within SPP’s engineering business. Doug’s current responsibilities include various technical studies, research in power system analysis methods, technologies and trends, and the development of SPP Engineering staff. Doug represents the company as an industry advisor at various external technical and R&D venues such as Electric Power Institute (EPRI) and the Power Systems Engineering Research Center (PSERC). Doug has recently developed and taught an Engineering Development Series of classes designed for newer SPP engineers. Doug has also served as adjunct Professor in the Systems Engineering Department at The University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Prior to joining SPP, Doug worked for Entergy Corporation in multiple positions covering a wide range of transmission business engineering functions. Prior to joining Entergy, Doug was the Manager of Siemens’ Richland, MS, High Voltage Laboratory where he provided oversight on electrical and mechanical testing of high voltage apparatus. Doug holds both a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University and is a Professional Engineer in the State of Arkansas as well as a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Doug is also the current chair of the Central Arkansas chapter of the IEEE Power and Energy Society.

ABOUT IEEE 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.

PES Plain Talk courses for the power industry professional will help you to understand technical aspects of the electric power industry, 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 new engineers to the industry, or for engineers in other fields who are transitioning to the electric power industry.

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) Each Plain Talk one-day course is eligible for 0.8 CEUs (equivalent to 8 Professional Development Hours, or PDH). Participants who complete the full three day series are eligible to earn 2.4 CEUs (equivalent to 24 PDH).

Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided each day. Plain Talk registrants will be provided with a complimentary Exhibit Floor pass for Thursday, April 17th ($110 Value includes the Closing Reception).

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GROUP DISCOUNTS: 10% discount offered to two or more conference registrants from the same company or organization. Contact LaToya Gourdine (l.gourdine@ieee.org, 732-981-2876) for discount code prior to online registration.

FEE INCLUDES: continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshment breaks and all course materials. Plain Talk registrants will be provided with a complimentary Exhibit Floor pass for Thursday, April 17th ($110 Value includes the Closing Reception).

1-CHOOSE YOUR ENROLLMENT OPTION:

THREE COURSE ENROLLMENT (please check the appropriate box)
□ Early Bird Fee (paid registration on or before March 17, 2014) - $1,935
□ Regular Fee (paid registration after March 17, 2014 and on site) - $2,150
□ Group Rate (10% discount from Early Bird or Regular Fee)
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TWO COURSE ENROLLMENT (please check the appropriate box)
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□ Regular Fee (paid registration after March 17, 2014 and on site) - $1,510
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ONE COURSE ENROLLMENT (please check the appropriate box)
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□ Regular Fee (paid registration after March 17, 2014 and on site) - $795
□ Group Rate (10% discount from Early Bird or Regular Fee)
   On or before March 17: $644 per person   After March 17: $715 per person   Group Name: ___________________

2-CHOOSE YOUR COURSE(S):
□ Power System Basics   □ Transmission System   □ Distribution System

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Cancellations made in writing prior to March 31, 2014 will be fully refunded, less a $50 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds after March 31, 2014. 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.