

IEEE Power and Energy Society Entity Annual Report

2022

Entity: Substations Committee

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Chair: Patrick Fitzgerald

Vice-Chair: Joe Warner
Secretary: Matt Bauer
Immediate Past Chair: Joseph Gravelle

1. Significant Accomplishments:

The Substations Committee hosted its first in person Annual Meeting since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting took multiple renegotiations and schedule changes due to the pandemic. The meeting was held in Nashville, Tennessee on May 21st through the 26th.

The Substations Committee currently has forty-four (44) working groups organized in five (5) subcommittees. They work on forty-two (42) standards. At the end of 2022, the substations Committee had twenty-seven (27) approved Project Authorization Requests (PAR) for standards work. Eight (8) of those were to create new standards and the remainder to maintain existing standards.

The Substations Committee sponsored an eight (8) hour tutorial at the 2022 IEEE PES T&D meeting titled "Stabilizing the Future Transmission Grid Using Dynamic Var Technologies," as well as a four (4) hour panel session titled "Harmonic Voltage Distortions in Static Var System Applications."

The Substations Committee also sponsored two (2) four (4) hour panel sessions at the 2022 IEEE PES General Meeting, one titled "Towards interoperability in VSC-HVDC Networks," and the other titled "Large-scale Interconnected HVdc Networks – Value Proposition/Plans, Technologies, and Gaps."

2. Benefits to Industry and PES Members from the Committee Work:

The IEEE PES Substations Committee is the professional home for designers and engineers involved in the design, construction and operation of electrical substations used for generation, transmission, and distribution. Moreover, committee activities include development of not only industry standards, but also educational material such as technical papers, white papers, presentations, tutorials, webinars, and panel discussions related to areas of interest.

The most notable activity of the Substations Committee is standard development and maintenance. This work includes the creation and revision of standards and guides through subcommittees and working groups. These standards are widely utilized and provide the most direct benefit to the industry and PES Members.



The Substations Committee has five technical subcommittees supporting forty-four technical working groups. The technical subcommittees and their scopes are as follows:

- a. Electrical Substation Design Subcommittee (SCD0): Responsible for treatment of matters pertaining to the electrical design and construction of transmission and distribution substations. These matters include air insulated station clearances and insulation levels, cable systems, air insulated bus design, seismic design, specification development and auxiliary systems.
- b. Substation Civil Design (SCE0): Responsible for treatment of matters relating to the civil and environmental design and construction of transmission and distribution substations. These matters include community acceptance, oil spill containment, fire protection, animal deterrents and physical and Electronic Security.
- c. Substation Grounding and Lightning (SCG0): Responsible for treatment of matters relating to grounding and lightning design of transmission and distribution substations. These matters include safety, direct lightning stroke shielding, measuring earth resistivity, ground impedance and surface potentials of a grounding system, grounding safety and permanent connections.
- d. FACTS & HVDC Stations (SCI0): Responsible for treatment of all matters relating to design, construction, and operation of AC substations using HV power electronics as part of the electrical power system, including FACTS and HVDC converter stations at the Transmission and Distribution level. This includes the application of HV power semi-conductor equipment and all other components insofar as they affect the design, construction, and operation of such substations. Interest in such components is limited to their effects on overall station parameters and does not include the detailed design of the equipment itself.
- e. Gas Insulated Substations (SCK0): Review, study and document design, application, installation, testing, operating and maintenance practices for gas insulated substations (GIS) and transmission lines (GIL). Identify the need for and sponsor the preparation of criteria, guides, tutorials, and standards as related to the gas insulated substations and transmission lines.

PES member involvement in working groups and subcommittees provides invaluable industry insight and knowledge sharing for members.

3. Benefits to Volunteer Participants from the Committee Work:

Participants have benefited from their collaboration on technical problems with industry leaders and experts, discussing contemporary industry problems and concerns, and the satisfaction of creating standards and guides that are useful to the industry. Committee meetings have included presentations of experts in specific fields and debating of ideas and industry practices, including CIGRE member input. Substations Committee members have also benefited from their exposure to technical paper reviews and technical paper presentations.

Active participants also have opportunities to take on leadership roles and improving their leadership skills as well as mentoring skills working with teams with a variety of experience in technical and organizational activities.

Substations are considered strategic assets, and many components are now reaching the end of their



original design life. Valuable information is exchanged on modern design approaches and explaining new technology, as well as the issues specific to new technology and suggested improvements for the electric power industry market; for example, Voltage-Source Converters (VSC) and alternative gases for insulation.

4. Recognition of Outstanding Performance:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the substations committee withheld multiple years of awards to be presented in person. The following individual awards were presented at the 2022 Substation Annual Meeting for appreciation for outstanding service:

DJ Moreau	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the D0 Electrical Substation Design Subcommittee of the IEEE PES Substations Committee $2019-2020$
Jorge Marquez- Sanchez	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the M0 Meetings Subcommittee of the IEEE PES Substations Committee $2014-2020$
Matthew Bauer	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the E0 Civil Substation Design Subcommittee of the IEEE PES Substations Committee $2015-2020$
Matthew Vacha	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the S0 Standards Coordinator Chair of the IEEE PES Substations Committee $2015-2020$
Joe Gravelle	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the IEEE PES Substations Committee 2019 – 2020
Patrick Fitzgerald	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Vice Chair of the IEEE PES Substations Committee 2019 – 2020
Joe Warner	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Secretary of the IEEE PES Substations Committee 2019 – 2020
Alex Kladiva	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the E0 Civil Substation Design Subcommittee of the IEEE PES Substations Committee 2020 – 2021
Steven (Scott) Scharf	IEEE PES Substations Committee Award of Appreciation For outstanding service as the Chair of the K0 Gas Insulated Substations Subcommittee of the IEEE PES Substations Committee 2018 - 2020



Michael Nadeau

IEEE PES Technical Committee Technical Committee Distinguished Individual Service Award. For outstanding service in leading to the successful revision, balloting, and publication of IEEE 1267 – Guide for Development of Specifications for Turnkey Substations.

The following IEEE PES Technical Committee Working Group Awards were also presented at the 2022 Substation Annual Meeting:

IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group G4 For successful balloting of IEEE 1246 – IEEE Guide for Temporary Protective Grounding Systems Used in Substations.

Jesse Rorabaugh, Chair Jon Martin, Vice Chair David Lane Garrett, Past Chair

Ehsan Azordegan	Richard Keil	Will Sheh
Bryan Beske	Reginaldo Maniego	Curtis Stidham
William Carman	Carl Moller	Brian Story
Jeffrey Drummond	Stephen Palmer	Keith Wallace
Joseph Gravelle	Anil Babu Poda	Don Wengerter
Martin Havelka	Eduardo Ramirez Bettoni	
Terri Hopkins	Christian Robles	

IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group E7: For successful balloting of IEEE 1402 – IEEE Guide for Physical Security of Electric Power Substations.

Arthur Graves, Chair Mark Smedvig, Secretary

Keith Graham	Jeremy McNutt
Alan Gaetz	Charles Steven McCarley
Roderick Giron	Shaskikant Patel
Charles Haahr	Craig Preuss
Paul Kruger	Thomas Proios
Chun (Charlie) Li	Alonso Rodriguez
Reginaldo Maniego	Jesse Shank
Olivialin Miller	Logan Trombley
	Alan Gaetz Roderick Giron Charles Haahr Paul Kruger Chun (Charlie) Li Reginaldo Maniego



IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group K1: For successful balloting of IEEE C37.122 – IEEE Standard for High-Voltage Gas-Insulated Substations Rated Above 52kV.

Ryan Stone, Chair Arnaud Ficheux, Vice Chair Jennings Graham, Secretary

George Becker	Peter Grossmann	Bobby Rich
Eldridge Byron	Alexander Jaeger	Jesse Rorabaugh
Vincent Chiodo	Sang Tae (Brandon) Kim	Pravakar Samanta
Edward Crocket	Hermann Koch	Steven (Scott) Scharf
Markus Etter	Chun (Charlie) Li	Tyler Schumacher
Patrick Fitzgerald	Nicholas Matone	Devki Sharma
Cullen Gabler	Jeremy McNutt	James Stage
David Giegel	Michael Novev	Carl Schuetz
Pablo Gonzalez Touza	Pathik Patel	Xi Zhu

IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group K15: For successful balloting of IEEE C37.122.7 – IEEE Guide for Field Testing of Gas-Insulated Substations Rated Above 52kV.

Dave Giegel, Chair Jennings Graham, Vice Chair William Munn, Secretary

Arun Arora	Billy Lao	Jesse Rorabaugh
George Becker	Chun (Charlie) Li	Pravakar Samanta
Edward Crockett	Jorge Marquez-Sanchez	Steven (Scott) Scharf
Markus Etter	James Massura	Devki Sharma
Patrick Fitzgerald	Nicholas Matone	Dave Solhtalab
Pablo Gonzalez Touza	Dave Mitchell	James Stage
Peter Grossmann	Michael Novev	Ryan Stone
Alexandra Jaeger	Pathik Patel	
Hermann Koch	Bobby Rich	



IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group D8: For successful balloting of IEEE 1267 – Guide for Development of Specifications for Turnkey Substations.

Douglas Sharpe, Chair Michael Nadeau, Vice Chair Matthew Vacha, Secretary Aaron Wilson, Technical Editor

Gary Beane Jonathan McDonald Brian Pearson
Joshua Berkow Robert Nowell Boris Shvartsberg
Nicholas Matone Shashikant Patel Vivek Singh

IEEE PES Technical Committee Working Group Recognition Award for Outstanding Technical Report.

Static VAR Compensators Task Force 2 Designing a STATCOM/SVC – Harmonic Analysis from Input to Impact. For demonstrating Technical Skill and leadership in the area of Transmission dynamic reactive power converters, specifically harmonic performance.

David Langner - Chair

Sep Boshoff	Mikael Halonen	Jan Paramalingam
Martin Cameron	Geeza Joos	Joe Warner
John Chahwan	Julie Lacroix	

IEEE PES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AWARD

Working Group D1: For successful balloting of IEEE 1427 – Guide for Recommended Electrical Clearances and Insulation Levels in Air Insulated Electrical Power Substations.

Charles Haahr, Chair David Stamm, Vice Chair Keith Graham, Secretary

Radoslav Barac	Debra Longtin	Donald Rogers
Vipul Bhagat	Reginaldo Maniego	Hamid Sharifnia
Steven Brown	William Munn	Oscar Santos
Kevin Buhle	Robert Nowell	Boris Shvartsberg
Dennis Decosta	Brian Pearson	Ryan Stargel
Bruce Dietzman	Reynaldo Ramos	Kenneth Strahl
Arthur Graves	John Randolph	Kha Tran
Dave Kelley	Christian Robles	



5. Coordination with Other Entities (PES Committees, CIGRE, standards, etc.):

The PES Substations Committee has determined that it is desirable to establish formal and direct liaisons with other IEEE Societies or groups, or other bodies, for the purpose of maintaining an efficient exchange of information on activities and related areas of mutual interest. This information exchange is accomplished through liaison representatives, appointed by the Substations Committee with the agreement and approval of the other group with which the liaison is to be established. The liaison representative will provide reports to the Substations Committee on activities of the other group, based on personal participation in these activities if possible. Depending on the preference of the other group, the liaison representative may also report to them on Substations Committee activities. Active Substation liaisons include:

- a. CIGRE B3
- b. NESC
- c. IEC
- d. Switchgear Committee

Additionally, the Substation Committee works on fifteen (15) co-standards shared with other IEEE PES Technical Committees. Committees include Switchgear, Power System Communications and Cybersecurity, Transformers, Power System Relaying and Control, and Transmission and Distribution.

6. New Technologies of Interest to the Committee:

No new significant technologies of interest to the Committee were identified in 2022

7. Global Involvement & YP Involvement

The Substations Committee has a program to help support young professionals and experienced contributors with a scholarship program that will allow members from these groups to get financial assistance for meeting registration and hotel accommodations to attend working group meetings.

Due to the loss of our Membership Management System and the ongoing delays with implementing a new system. Updated membership numbers and details are not accessible for 2022. The numbers below represent our 2021 numbers which should be a good representation of 2022.

Total Number of committee members	Number of Young Professionals (under 35 years of age) – Including committee & subcommittee	Officers from regions 8,9 and 10	Subcommittee officers from regions 8, 9 and 10	Subcommittee members from regions 8,9, and 10
569	Unknown	0	6	50



8. Problems and Concerns:

Committee membership management, working group roster management, and participant communication has been a significant challenge in 2022 without a Membership Management System.

9. Significant Plans for the Next Period:

The Substations Committee will be hosting its next Annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. on May 1-5 in 2023.

The Substation Committee is currently working on reviewing and updating our Organization and Procedures Manual. This effort will bring more clarity and organization to the operation and scope of the Substations Committee and are associated subcommittees and working groups.

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