

Summary of the 2008 IEEE PES January Joint Technical Committee Meeting
January 7-10, 2007, Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA
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BACKGROUND

The purpose of the annual IEEE PES January Joint Technical Committee Meeting (JTCM) is to provide a forum where PES Technical Committees can meet for several days to focus on technical work and standards - the primary work of our society's committees, subcommittees, working groups, and task forces - without the distraction of the administrative and conference activities often found at the PES General Meetings or Expositions (T&D, PSCE). This approach has the added benefit of being able to encourage opportunities for cooperative work among various PES Technical Committees as well as interaction with other groups, such as CIGRE. The technical work focus allows for the registration fees to be kept to a minimum for this event since the main thrust is working sessions.

Some may recall early versions of this meeting in 2003 in Las Vegas and 2004 in San Diego. A renewed emphasis was placed on this event at a strategic meeting of the PES Board and the Technical Committees in 2005 at the San Francisco General Meeting giving rise to the institutionalizing of the January Joint Technical Committee Meeting. The first "new" one was held in 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada, with the second one held in 2007 in Orlando, Florida, followed by this year's event in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to the technical committees, the IEEE PES Governing Board also met at this meeting giving them an opportunity to hear members concerns from the technical committee perspective.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO!!!

This year's JTCM was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, from January 7-10, 2008. The venue was located in the heart of the city between the historical Alamo site and the entertainment district known as the Riverwalk. The formal meetings began on Monday and lasted through Thursday, with a few occurring on the Sunday before and the Friday after. There were morning and afternoon coffee breaks each day and a Monday evening reception for socializing, conversation, and renewing or starting new friendships.

PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES

The participating Committees and Subcommittees for the 2008 San Antonio event included:

Power System Relay Committee

- Systems Protection Subcommittee (C)
- Line Protection Subcommittee (D)
- Relay Communications Subcommittee (H)
- Relaying Practices Subcommittee (I)
- Rotating Machinery Subcommittee (J)
- Substation Protection Subcommittee (K)

Transmission and Distribution Committee

- Capacitor Subcommittee
- Distribution Subcommittee
- Power Quality Subcommittee
- Lightning and Insulators Subcommittee
- Intelligent Grid Subcommittee

Substations Committee

- Data Acquisition Processing and Control System Subcommittee (C0)
- Power Electronics Subcommittee (I0)
- Gas-Insulated Substations (GIS) Subcommittee (K0)

Power System Communications Committee

- Power Line Carrier Subcommittee (SC-3)
- Wire Line Subcommittee (SC-6)
- Security Subcommittee (SC-9)

Other Groups

- CIGRE Working Group on Modern Techniques for Protecting and Monitoring Transmission Lines (B5-07)
- Marine Systems Coordinating Committee
- High Megawatt Power Conversion Systems Roadmap Workshop

In addition, on the front end of the meeting, the IEEE PES Governing Board, along with its Technical Committee Advisory Board, Finance Committee, and Long Range Planning Committee, also met in San Antonio.

SOME NUMBERS

- 413 attendees participated in this event
- Over 140 individual meetings were held during the course of the 2008 JTCM
- 98% of the attendees identified themselves as participating in one or more of the activities of the 4 main technical committees at the JTCM
- 43 registered companions joined the fun in San Antonio
- Ametek Power Instruments and ABB provided financial support for the Tuesday and Wednesday morning breaks, respectively.

2009 IEEE PES January Joint Technical Committee Meeting information will be released soon at www.pestechical.com



Photo 01 – Remember the Alamo!!! The JTCM venue was right across the street from this historical Texas site.



Photo 04 – More work in progress



Photo 02 – Registration



Photo 05 – One of the daily coffee breaks



Photo 03 – Technical work in progress



Photo 06 – PSRC Officers, Bob, Miriam, and Charlie near signage for the meeting supporters for two of the coffee breaks



Photo 07 – Monday evening reception



Photo 10 – A chance to renew friendships and make new friends



Photo 08 – Meet and greet ... and eat!!!!



Photo 11 – Opportunities to mix business with pleasure at the Monday evening reception



Photo 09 – A chance to socialize after a day of technical activities



Photo 12 – The IEEE PES Governing Board also met in San Antonio on the front-end of the JTCM