

Summary of the 2009 IEEE PES January Joint Technical Committee Meeting
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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 technical committees, subcommittees, working groups, and task forces. 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 focus on technical and standards work 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, followed by 2007 in Orlando, Florida and then San Antonio, Texas, in 2008. In addition to the technical committees, the IEEE PES Governing Board also met at this meeting giving them an opportunity to be on the front-lines of technical and standards work being done by the attending committees. JTCM attendance has grown each year and the 2009 event was an all-time high! In the future, more technical committees' may recognize the benefits of interaction with other technical groups at this meeting and will consider joining subsequent events.

WELCOME TO ATLANTA!!!

This year's JTCM was held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Georgia, USA from January 11-15, 2008. The formal meetings began on Monday and lasted through Thursday, with a few groups meeting 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 old, or starting new, friendships.

PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES

The participating Committees and Subcommittees for the 2009 Atlanta event included:

Power System Relay Committee

- Administrative and Governance (B)
- 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
- Engineering in the Safety, Maintenance and Operation of Lines Subcommittee
- Lightning and Insulator Subcommittee
- Towers, Poles, and Conductors Subcommittee
- Power Quality Subcommittee
- Integration of Renewable Energy into the Transmission and Distribution Grids Subcommittee

Substations Committee

- Data Acquisition Processing and Control System Subcommittee (C)
- Transmission and Distribution Substations Design Subcommittee (D)
- Transmission and Distribution Substations Operations Subcommittee (E)
- High Voltage Power Electronics Stations Subcommittee (I)
- Gas-Insulated Substations (GIS) Subcommittee (K)

Power System Communications Committee

- Wire Line Subcommittee (SC-6)

Switchgear Committee

- Fault Current Limiter Testing Working Group

Energy Development and Power Generation Committee

- Cable and Raceway Design for Generating Stations Working Group

Intelligent Grid Coordinating Committee

Marine Systems Coordinating Committee

Other Groups

- IEEE Standards (Presentation on Developing Standards - NesCom and PAR)
- CIGRE Working Group on Lifetime Management of Relay Setting (B5.31)
- CIGRE Working Group on Wide Area Protection and Control Technologies (B5.14)
- NEMA ASC C29
- NERC SPTCF on Protective Relaying and Redundancy (Presentation)

In addition, on the front end of the event the IEEE PES Governing Board, along with its Long Range Planning Committee, met for 2.5 days, and on the back-end of the event the Technical Council Planning Committee also met.

SOME NUMBERS

- 653 total attendees participated in JTCM, compared to 456 total in 2008, a 43% increase!
- 204 individual meetings were held during the course of the 2009 JTCM compared to 140 in 2008
- 97% of the attendees identified themselves as participating in one or more of the technical activities occurring at the JTCM
- 38 registered companions joined the fun in Atlanta compared to 43 in 2008
- Aubrey Silvey Enterprises, Inc. provided financial support for the Monday Welcome Reception, and Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. and Commonwealth Associates, Inc. provided financial support for the Tuesday and Wednesday morning breaks, respectively.

2010 IEEE PES January Joint Technical Committee Meeting information will be released in the coming months at www.pestechical.com



1- Nancy, Roger, and Bryan at the registration desk



3- Catching up at the Monday reception



2- Monday evening reception



4- Meet and greet ... and eat!!!



5- A chance to socialize after a day of technical activities



8- One of the daily coffee breaks



6- Opportunities to mix business with pleasure at the Monday reception



9- Meeting supporters for the Monday reception and two of the coffee breaks



7- A chance to renew friendships and make new friends



10- The IEEE PES Governing Board also met in Atlanta on the front-end of the JTCM