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Subject:

Hello,

This message is being forwarded from the United States National Committee of IEC for review by your respective committees. We are trying to determine if members of IEEE-SA would have an interest in this area. Can you please circulate this information to your committee members and ask that anyone who is interested please contact Charlie Zegers from ANSI (czegers@ansi.org) or Joseph Koepfinger (joseph\_l\_koepfinger@msn.com) with any information.

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As President of the U S National Committee for International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) I would like to call your attention to an important international event that will take place in Beijing, China on 18 - 21 July 2007

IEC - CIGRE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ULTRA HIGH VOLTAGE

IEC and the International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRE) are sponsoring this Symposium to explore the standards that will be needed in utilizing UHV transmission as a potential solution for delivering large amounts of electrical energy to population centers both efficiently and

at  
minimal impact on the environment. Many feel that this Symposium will  
be  
truly precedent setting and will set the course of related  
standardization  
for many years to come. In fact, it has been suggested that one or more  
new IEC Technical Committees may result directly from this event. The  
organizers consider UHV as voltages of 1 000 kV alternating current, or  
higher, and 800kV direct current, or higher.

The Symposium is for, among others, utilities, transmission system  
planners  
and operators, contractors, equipment manufacturers, transmission design  
engineers, research and test laboratories, government regulators and  
universities. This represents an opportunity to be present at the early  
stages of discussion about technology directions in this area for the  
next  
25 years. I am aware that at present, the maximum transmission voltages  
in  
the US are 765kV, but it is important to understand that other regions  
will  
be advancing technical work in this area. If North American Interests do  
not choose to participate, it will become much harder to "catch up" to  
an  
effort that will proceed without our voice being heard. The US  
National  
Committee (a Committee of the American National Standards Institute  
(ANSI))  
is also seeking your direct input and comments regarding existing and  
possible future international standards in this area. It is sincerely  
hoped that interest in this symposium will lead to a resurgence of  
interest  
and active participation by electric utility industry employees in  
future  
standardization work of IEC.

If you are interested in this subject I strongly recommend that you MARK  
YOUR CALENDARS and consider attending or sending representatives to the  
UHV  
Symposium in Beijing this July. Specific information about the  
Symposium  
is found in the attached brochure or online at <http://www.iec.ch/uhv/>

In an effort to build awareness of this Symposium and to facilitate  
dialogue on this subject, the USNC/IEC is inviting IEEE to join in an  
effort to spread the word through a meeting and/or Webinar that would be  
scheduled, if possible, prior to the July Symposium. We invite an  
expression of interest from IEEE so that we can organize the planning  
process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

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USNC/IEC

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Thanks,

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