

IEEE Power Engineering Society  
Switchgear Committee  
C37.20.3 Working Group Report  
20-May-2008

The working group met Tuesday, May 20, at 2:00 pm.

Attendance of the members was as shown below.

C. Ball (P)	T. Hood (A)	T. Robirds (A)
P. Barnhart (P)	H. Josten (P)	C. Schneider (P)
J. Baskin (E)	S. Lapidus (A)	J. Smith (P)
E. Byron (P)	A. Livshitz (P)	P. Sullivan (P)
L. Davis (P)	S. Meiners (A)	C. Tailor (P)
L. Farr (P)	T. Olsen (P)	W. VonMiller (A)
D. Giraud (P)	M. Orosz (A)	L. Younce (P)
D. Gohil (P)	A. Patel (P)	
R. Hartzel (P)	R. Puckett (E)	

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

Doug Giraud has joined the working group. Sylvester Toe informed me that due to a change in his assignment, he will no longer attend the Switchgear Committee meetings and was removed from the list of members.

Attendance also included the following guests.

L. Connor	T. Meeks	R. Warren
P. Glaesman	I. Profir	T. Williams
C. Kennedy	S. Reed	D. Yek
F. Mayle	M. Wactor	
D. Mazumdar	B. Walter	

Patents:

IEEE-SA rules on Patents were reviewed. The introductory slide and slides #1 through #5 of the IEEE-SA Patents Slide Set dated 25-March-2008 were shown. The WG attendees were advised:

- The IEEE's patent policy is consistent with the ANSI patent policy and is described in Clause 6 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws;
- Early identification of patent claims which may be essential for the use of standards under development is encouraged;
- There may be Essential Patent Claims of which the IEEE is not aware. Additionally, neither the IEEE, nor the WG, nor the WG chair can ensure the accuracy or completeness of any assurance or whether any such assurance is, in fact, of a Patent Claim that is essential for the use of the standard under development.

The participants were provided an opportunity to identify patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) and/or the holder of patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) that the participant

believes may be essential for the use of the standard which will result from the activity of the WG.

No responses were received during the meeting regarding patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) and/or the holder of the patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) that were identified (if any) and by whom.

The Working group followed instructions from ADSCOM and renumbered all clauses to agree with C37.100.1. It is unclear at this time whether the numbering will follow C37.100.1 or the IEEE template. Until the matter is resolved, the Working Group will continue to follow C37.100.1

The Working Group discussed the additional text on seismic requirements proposed by Ron Hartzel. The group felt it is important to reference C37.81 since there are a number of documents in use that may not apply. Ron will revise his proposal and resubmit. Ron provided a white paper. Chuck Ball will forward it to the Working Group by June 15.

The Working Group discussed the proposed changes to clause 4, Ratings (formerly clause 5).

Open issues are shown below.

1. A comment regarding the difference between C37.20.3 and the conformance standard, C37.57 on the flame resistance test. C37.20.3 requires testing in accordance with ASTM D229-96 while 57 allows the use of class 90 V-0 material per ANSI/UL 94. A separate task force has been formed to address this issue since it applies to a number of standards. This working group will wait for output from the task force.

Report submitted by Chuck Ball, Working Group Chair