

IEEE Power Engineering Society
Switchgear Committee
C37.20.4 Working Group Report
13-October-2008

The working group met Monday, October 13, at 1:30 pm.

Attendance of the members was as shown below.

C. Ball (P)	S. LaPidus (A)	T. Robirds (A)
P. Barnhart (P)	D. Mazumdar (P)	J. Smith (P)
J. Baskin (P)	S. Meiners (A)	P. Sullivan (E)
E. Byron (P)	C. Morris (A)	C. Tailor (P)
L. Davis (A)	T. Olsen (P)	L. Yonce (P)
L. Farr (A)	M. Orosz (P)	
D. Giraud (P)	A. Patel (E)	
R. Hartzel (P)	R. Puckett (E)	

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

Attendance also included the following guests.

T. Esco	T. Pellerito	G. Schoonenberg
F. Mayle	I. Profir	D. Smith
T. Meeks	S. Reed	A. Storms
P. Notarian	C. Schneider	J. Toney

Patents:

IEEE-SA rules on Patents were reviewed prior to further discussions. 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, 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 majority of the meeting was spent completing the review of proposed revisions to clause 6. Discussion on clause 7.4 of C37.100.1 brought to light that the scope of C37.20.4 neither includes nor excludes gas-filled switches. Paul Notarian and Paul Barnhart will draft additional text to address gas-filled switches and send it to Chuck Ball.

All proposed revision have been coordinated and renumbered in accordance with C37.100.1. But it is still unclear whether the working groups will be directed to follow C37.100.1 numbering or the IEEE template. Until the matter is resolved, the Working Group will continue to renumber in accordance with C37.100.1.

Report submitted by Chuck Ball, WG Chair