

IEEE Power Engineering Society  
Switchgear Committee  
C37.121 Task Team  
15-October-2008

The Task Team met Wednesday, October 15, at 10:15 am.

Attendance of the members was as follows: (P = present, E = excused, A = absent)

T. Burse (P)	A. Livshitz (P)	J. Smith (P)
L. Farr (P)	D. Mazumdar (P)	P. Sullivan (A)
D. Gohil (E)	T. Olsen (P)	C. Tailor (P)
P. Barnhart (P)		

Attendance also included the following Guests:

R.. Hartzel	J. Toney	W. Cheng
A. Storms	D. Smith	M. Flack
T. Williams	C. Schneider	P. Notarian
D. Lemmerman		

Patents:

The IEEE-SA rules on Patents were reviewed prior to further discussions. The two slides were shown. An opportunity was given for participants to identify patent claims, patent applications, and/or holders of patent claims/patent application claims that may be essential for the use of a standard. There were no responses.

The IEEE-SA patents policy must be reviewed during every working group meeting. The rules can be accessed on <http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/pat-slideset.pdf>.

The meeting was opened to discuss the standard as it is and comments or concerns that needed to be addressed. The following is in general what was discussed:

- T. Burse had identified IEC 62271-202, which potentially could be reviewed and ideas taken from it. Upon review this document it looks as if it was written for different purposes. It did however have some interesting sections on coordination of the three components addressed in C37.121.
- T. Burse had contacted Ward Laubach, who had chaired the original document. Ward says that this document had been created to give direction to the field to address a specific issue.
- It was pointed out that this standard is for Articulated Unit Substations only and not for Integral Unit Substations. Discussion around this led to a general feeling that we need to leave this standard that way.
- Several members stated that their main concern with this standard is that it does not address the electrical coordination of the unit substation and that needs to be addressed.
- It was agreed that this standard which was handed to IEEE SA was not really a standard but that it was really a guide for end users as to what required components for a unit substation is and what standards they need to look at.

T. Burse made a motion that this task team propose to Switchgear Subcommittee that this document be reverted from a standard to a guide status. The motion was seconded and approved.

Action Items for next meeting:

- J. Smith to propose to the Switchgear Subcommittee that this document be reverted from a standard to a guide status.
- J. Smith will send copy of the C37.121 to Task Team along with the standard comments form. Each member of the Task Team is review the document and return comments to him. Comments will be compiled and addressed at the next meeting.
- If proposal is accepted than a par will be issued by end of 2009.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:  
J. E. Smith WG Chair