IEEE Power and Energy Society	C37.17 Working Group Report
Switchgear Committee	28 September, 2009

The working group met on Monday, September 28, at 8:00AM. This is the eleventh meeting of the working group.

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.

General:

The PAR for this project was approved by IEEE-SA in December, 2005 and is valid through 2009. An extension was applied for in August, 2009 and is approval is pending.

Attendance included 5 WG (of 12) members and 6 guests. Several members expressed their regrets and were unable to attend for family or job-related reasons.

Attendance was as follows:

Members: J. Mizener, A. Morse, K. Flowers, D. Dunne, P. Terry

Guests: M. Flack, T. Burse, M. LaFond, D. Hrncir, A. Bottarelli, A. Jivanani

There was no recirculation between this meeting and the last, but work continued to find solutions to issues raised during the balloting process. In addition, several comments were received shortly before the meeting which raised valid concerns. These were addressed in the meeting.

- Comments related to the coordination of standards were removed from the Purpose and the Introduction
 was revised to accommodate that information.
- A diagram that attempts to clarify Table 3 was introduced and will be commented on by the Working Group.
- A copy of IEEE Std. 1012 (IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation) was forwarded to the Working Group for perusal. Discussions indicated that a suitable compromise between the UL489 Supplement SE and IEEE Std. 1020 needs to be found.
- Design and Production tests, removed from PC37.17 early in the re-write process may need to be reintroduced if they are removed from C37.50. It was concluded that this group should wait until there is a clear direction on C37.50 (which will ballot in December, 2009) before re-introducing them.
- It was requested that an IEEE EMC standard closer to IEC60947-2 Annex F be found to eliminate the requirement for manufacturers to test to two sets of standards. A homework assignment was given to the person who made this suggestion to find such a standard and to compare it to the IEC and currently referenced very familiar IEEE standards (C37.90.1/.2). The PSRC will be contacted to see how they are handling requests of this nature.
- Other minor textual changes were proposed, discussed and made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45AM.

Report submitted by:

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