

IEEE Power Engineering Society
Switchgear Committee
C37.20.4 Working Group Report
28-Sept-2009

The working group met Monday, Sept 28, at 1:30 pm.

Attendance of the members was as shown below.

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

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

John Toney will join the working group beginning with the spring meeting.

Attendance also included the following guests.

S. Benson	A. Morse	J. Toney
F. Mayle	G. Schoonenberg	R. Warren
A. Morgan	H. Song	

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 5 (formerly clause 7). In previous meetings discussions on clause 5.6 brought to light that the scope of C37.20.4 neither includes nor excludes gas-filled or liquid-filled switches. Paul Barnhart will propose text for the document to address gas and vacuum switches.

All proposed revisions had been coordinated with C37.100.1. It has been confirmed that only documents that are dual logo should follow the clause numbering in C37.100.1. All others must use the numbering system in the IEEE template. Chuck Ball will convert the document back to numbering per the IEEE template and distribute it to the working group by the end of the year.

Report submitted by Chuck Ball, Working Group Chair