IEEE Power and Energy Society	C37.17 Working Group Report
Switchgear Committee	13 October, 2008

The working group met on Monday, May 4, at 8:00AM. This is the tenth 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.

Attendance included 6 WG (of 12) members and 7 guests. Several members expressed their regrets and were unable to attend for family or job-related reasons.

Attendance was as follows:

Members: J. Mizener, D. Sigmon, D. Edwards , A. Morse , K. Flowers, D. Dunne

Guests: P. Terry, H. Josten, J. Coomer, T. Burse, M. LaFond, A. Rowell, N. Simon

- The balloting of Draft 6 closed on 5 Feb 09 with 60 balloters, a 76% response rate, 93% approval and 66 comments.
- Many of the comments were related to spelling, punctuation or minor wording issues. These were resolved prior to the meeting.
- 28 remaining comments were reviewed during the meeting. The only comment which could not be resolved related to software verification processes during the development of electronic trip units. Determining exactly which standard to reference (UL 1998, UL 489 supplement SE or something else) will be done over the next few weeks and circulated to the WL for comment and inclusion into Draft 7.
- A revision to the PAR was deemed to be necessary for two reasons. First, the Purpose currently reads as follows:

The purpose of this standard is to provide the requirements for direct-acting overcurrent and / or undervoltage protective systems associated with low-voltage power circuit breakers. **It is coordinated with the requirements** of related assemblies, including low-voltage power circuit breaker (IEEE Std C37.13, IEEE Std C37.14, IEEE Std C37.16, IEEE Std C37.27, and ANSI C37.50) and metal-enclosed low-voltage power circuit breaker switchgear (IEEE Std C37.20.1TM and ANSI C37.51).

It was suggested that the text in **bold** above will prove to be problematic if submitted to RevCom because the PAR as submitted stated that the completion of this document was NOT contingent upon the completion any other documents. Second, it was determined that C37.27 was left off of the Scope and Purpose and needs to be included. A PAR revision will be prepared forthwith.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45AM. Report submitted by: Jeff Mizener, WG Chair