

IEEE Power Engineering Society
Switchgear Committee
C37.20.3 Working Group Report
13-May-2009

The working group met Tuesday, May 5, at 2:00 pm.

Attendance of the members was as shown below.

C. Ball (P)	R. Hartzel (E)	R. Puckett (E)
P. Barnhart (P)	H. Josten (P)	T. Robirds (A)
J. Baskin (A)	S. Lapidus (A)	C. Schneider (A)
E. Byron (E)	A. Livshitz (P)	J. Smith (P)
L. Davis (A)	S. Meiners (A)	P. Sullivan (E)
L. Farr (A)	T. Olsen (P)	C. Taylor (P)
D. Giraud (A)	M. Orosz (P)	W. VonMiller (A)
D. Gohil (P)	A. Patel (P)	L. Younce (P)

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

Raghunath Parthasarathi will join the working group beginning with the fall meeting.

Attendance also included the following guests.

M. Lafond	A. Morse	R. Warren
D. Mazumdar	R. Parthasarathi	S. Zope
T. Meeks	G. Schoonenberg	
A. Morgan	W. Walter	

Patents:

IEEE-SA rules on Patents were reviewed. 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, nor 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 and progressed through 6.6.1. Open issues on clause 6 are shown below.

- Clause 6.1 of C37.100.1 refers to complete switchgear. There has been discussion that the words complete switchgear should be replaced in order to allow testing of individual vertical sections, with or without a second vertical section, as appropriate for the test. Chuck Ball will submit proposed wording to the WG. This involves the third paragraph that begins, “Each individual test type shall be made...”
- Clause 6.2.5.1, Chuck Ball to harmonize with 20.4, fix table and notify the WG.
- Clause 6.2.9, WG to monitor this clause in C37.20.2 and reconsider adding more information on this test
- Clause 6.6.2 through 7.10 have not been reviewed

All proposed revision have been coordinated and renumbered in accordance with C37.100.1. But it appears that standards that are not up for dual logo are to coordinate with C37.100.1 in content only, not in numbering.

Other open issues are shown below.

- A comment regarding the difference between C37.20.3 and the conformance standard, C37.57 on the flame resistance test. C37.20.3 requires testing in accordance with ASTM D229-96 while 57 allows the use of class 90 V-0 material per ANSI/UL 94. A separate task force has been formed to address this issue since it applies to a number of standards. This working group will wait for output from the task force.

Report submitted by Chuck Ball, Working Group Chair