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Upcoming Meetings

Is a meeting being held in your service area? Check with SEE for host company specials!

NESC Section

(February 9-12, St. Pete)

Integrated Resource Planning Task Force

(March 2-3, Orlando)

Claims Section

(March 22-24, St. Augustine)

Mutual Assistance & Logistics

(April 14-16, Gulfport)

Power Quality & Reliability

(April 15-16, Charlotte)

Joint Use Committee

(April 21-23, Charleston SC)

Network

Underground Cmte.

(April 27-28, Charlotte)

Underground Dist. Cmte. with O&M

(April 27-29, Charlotte)

Rates & Regulation

(April 28-30, Tampa)

Entries Are In!

S.E.E. Industry Excellence Awards Program

As the December 9 deadline for entries approached, we wondered what kind of turn-out we would see. Would we get as many or more submissions than we did in 2009? Would all 11 categories be represented? We need not have worried...we are blown away by the response of you members!



We received...drumroll please...

63 Entries in 11 Categories!

This is the second highest number of entries since the Awards Program's inception in 1992!

We are beyond pleased with this response. Seeing the scope of these projects gives us better insight into the creative thought processes and hard work put forth by our members. We congratulate all of you who took the time to enter. All submissions are in the hands of our panel of judges, and we plan to announce the winners no later than February. Best wishes to all our contestants!

Spotlight On...

3rd of 30 working groups spotlighted... Watch future issues for more.



Metering & Distribution Service Devices Committee

...became an established working group of Southeastern Electric Exchange in 1971 and is responsible for activities that relate to metering and distribution service devices, including materials, equipment, tools, engineering, construction, operation, maintenance, training,

and applicable codes as they affect performance, costs and safety.

Focus:

The committee's focus continues to be on advanced technology, especially in regard to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems, Home Area Networks (HAN) and wireless meter communication technologies. Identifying the appropriate AMI technology is a challenge confronting each utility due to

Accident Prevention
(May 11-13, Atlanta)

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
& TRADE SHOW**
(June 23-25, Miami)

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a complete list of
2010 Meetings.

**The Metering
Committee
supports
Subcommittees
including**

**Safety
New Technologies
Testing
Best Practices**

**The Metering
Committee meets
twice yearly
(Spring and Fall)**

**Next Meeting
of the
Metering &
Distribution Service
Devices Committee**



**May 17-19
Raleigh, NC**

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the uniqueness of its individual service territory, meter locations, regulatory guidelines, customer requirements, cost recovery, etc. Since many utilities are piloting or deploying AMI and/or HAN systems, the committee includes company status update presentations as a regular part of each meeting.

Other hot issues include revenue protection and/or unaccounted-for energy and net metering requirements for distributed generation. Committee members stay on top of these issues and learn much from sharing best practices at the meetings.

2009-2010 Officers:

'09 Chairman – Wes Caldwell
Principal Engineer, Tampa
Electric

'10 Chairman – Joe Starnes,
Sr. Eng. Tech. Support Specialist,
Progress Energy

Vice Chairman – Frank Lopez
Supervisor-Metering & Tech Svcs
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Secretary – Leo Frederick
Lead Electric System Specialist
Cleco Power LLC



Current members include:

Derl Rhoades	Alabama Power Company	Paul Talley	Gulf Power Company
Tom Dugan	Allegheny Power	Diane McBeth	Mississippi Power Company
Alex Yazdani	American Electric Power	Lynn Schulte	Mississippi Power Company
Dale Tinnin	CenterPoint Energy	Rick Green	OG&E Electric Services
Leo Frederick	Cleco Power LLC	John Sneed	Pepco Holdings, Inc.
Jeff Teuscher	Dayton Power & Light Co.	Jim Murphy	Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
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Kerry Barnette	Duke Energy	Frank Lopez	Progress Energy Florida, Inc.
Tim Morgan	Duke Energy	Joe Starnes	Progress Energy Florida, Inc.
Ed Haslauer	Entergy Corporation	Jerry Smith	South Carolina Electric & Gas
Jim DeMars	Florida Power & Light Company	Wes Caldwell	Tampa Electric Company
Wayne Usry	Georgia Power Company	Cathy Dease	Tampa Electric Company
Craig Walker	Georgia Power Company		

General Accomplishments:

1. The committee has developed and approved two Guidelines: "Standard Protocol For Smart Metering and Demand Side Management Devices" and "Qualification of Design Testing".

2. When possible, educational tours are planned in conjunction with meetings. For instance, officers organized a tour of ITEC (Instrument Transformer Equipment Corp.) prior to the start of their recent fall meeting in Charlotte, NC.

3. One of most successful achievements was the completion of a study and publication of the results on the "Effects of Elevated Temperatures on Single-Phase Watt-hour Meters." The project was undertaken because of controversy in the industry about the effects of temperature on the stability of certain meters.

