IEEE – OCS Minutes
June 6, 2011
Dallas, TX

Paul White – Chairman
Steven Norton – Vice Chairman
Andy Gillespie – Secretary
Paul V Campbell – Recording Secretary

8:34 am Call to Order

Introduction: Mr. John Rhone- Manager Traction Power Operations to advise on the Safety instructions

Introduction: Mr. Luke Chisom – Assistant Vice President - Systems Welcome to Dallas and provided highlights of the DART System

8:45 Paul White - Opening remarks
Introductions around the room
Sign in Sheets

Review of Minutes from the IEEE Meeting in Los Angles - motion was carried to pass as presented.

Announcement: Lunch is sponsored by ERICO

Travel Funding: New VTS Expense policy - posted on website
No changes for this meeting - Next Meeting Food Expense allowance may be deleted
Contributions are deeply appreciated. Two people are still owed before 2006
Please send all expense forms to Paul White as soon as possible. Boarding passes for airline flights are no longer required.

Dinner Tonight – Open to anyone who wants to go – Meet at Waterfalls at 6:20pm

Next Meeting - Chicago (METRA) on September 17th and 18th in conjunction with the AREMA meetings.

Expense Refund- Transit Personnel: (2) People still owed refunds before 2006- Donations are deeply appreciated. Proposed a way to build the fund would be to have a technical and presentation conference with the first day meeting and facility tour possibly in the Spring 2013.
Winter Meeting - (2013) will potentially be at Hampton Roads (The Tide). Paul Campbell will work with Hampton Roads personnel to secure a date and meeting location.

Ed Rowe – APTA Committee provided an update on Sunday’s APTA meeting. They are interested in having a Power, Signals and Communication meeting involved in one day in the Spring 2013, to share with APTA, CEO’s and other Transit Agency personnel, and update on technology and training of Mid-Level Managers to the CEO’s. They are preparing a list of Suppliers who can offer new innovations and ideas. They want to have a joint meeting with the IEEE.

IEEE Working Group Leaders have total responsibility for getting the documentation published. They are officially appointed by Jim Deets after selection by the Working Group.

IEEE is looking for volunteers to build a User’s Guide. Paul White to supply instructions on the website.

P.E. Certificates for credit are available through Paul White as pwhite@hntb.com

IEEE Membership is recommended to all however it is not a requirement to be a member of our group.

Comments:
Steve Norton – Voce Chairperson – Nothing further to offer at present.
Paul V Campbell – Recording Secretary- Nothing further to offer at present.

Open Discussion:
John Ceciliana – Tri-Met is having an issue where his plastic thimbles are cracking. Is anyone else having any issues at present? It is being reviewed as no other Authorities are having any issue at present.

Insulated Overlap (Pittsburgh)- possibility of a bum down- Stop at signal prior to going through the section insulator. Suggestion: Tie one section -left the breakers open- closed the breaker and the problem went away.

Pole Grounding – Epoxy coated Rebar- not used as a ground. AREMA – AC/DC install ground rod as required.

Group 16 – Current Collectors: Ron Bennell transferred to Australia. Jeff Sisson is trying to finish. They hope to have completed by the end of June.

Lightning Arrestors: Dev Paul is continuing to work on get this paper through the ballot process.

P1630 - Supporting Structures – Paul White to submit to IEEE for approval.

P1791 - Terminology- currently in balloting; look for updates on the web page.
Live Line Maintenance Standard: Ray Davis and Andy Gillespie- Co Sponsors – Ray Davis forwarded a paper to Paul White for development prior to requesting a PAR. Paul Davis and Paul White to discuss.

Trolley Wire Markings: Still being developed with hopes for comment by next meeting.

P1833 Catenary Design Standard: Moises Ramos to be at next meeting for discussions. The most updated version of the document is on the web page.

Disconnect Switch: In process- possibly a PAR request for next meeting with more detail.

Third Rail Insulator Cleaning: Chris Pagni has suggested a standard be written for the process of cleaning the insulators (Energy loss 2%) Invite Arun Vohra (MUNI) to next meeting for discussion.

Break-10:00

Reconvene at 10:20

Review as a group, Dev Paul’s draft standard for the Lightning Arrestors readied for submission for approval.

Presentation by ERICO (Rob Eberly and Tom Bockstoce)- Conductor/Messenger Wire Theft deterrent. They provided a Power Point Presentation of their available components and technology. A copy of the presentation is available by request through Paul White.

Lunch: 12:00 (Courtesty of ERICO)

1:00 Reconvene- Final review of PAR for the Surge Arrestors (Dev Paul)

1:20 Reminder that INNOtrans will be running during the same week as we plan our next meeting in Chicago. Several members will be in attendance in Berlin.

1:25 PAtcom Slides.

1:30 Break out into working groups.

4:00 Adjoumed until next meeting in Chicago.