

**Chair's Report - Distribution Subcommittee
1999 Winter Power Meeting**

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Good news. P1366, Trial Use Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices, has been approved by the IEEE Standards Board. Cheri Warren deserves a lot of credit for hanging in there on this long struggle.

New activity. We're forming a Task Force under the System Design Working Group dealing with Distributed Resources. There's increasing interest in this area and there's presently no group under the T&D Committee which is dealing with this subject.

On a sad note: Ralph Hopkinson passed away on December 14, 1998. Ralph had been with GE for his entire career and is most remembered for the work he did on ferroresonance.

Snafu. With the new Proceedings format being tried at the '99 WPM, we ran into a few problems. A total of 24 distribution papers were accepted, so 4 sessions were planned. Due to delays on getting mandatory changes, only 15 papers finally made it. IEEE kept the 4 sessions and scratched off the papers whose changes hadn't been made. As a result, we had sessions with only 2 or 3 papers and others with 5. Suffice it to say we didn't plan it that way!

— Standards Coordination Activity.
No report available at this time.

— Dan Sabin's latest contribution is to add a link to related conferences like the Power Distribution Conference. Also, we also mentioning Mack Grady's free programs, which I think will interest many distribution engineers. Our Distribution Subcommittee Internet Homepage up and running at:
<http://www.electrotek.com/ieee/distcomm/distcomm.html>

We will continue to use this for a variety of activities including attracting new members, for discussions, posting meeting schedules, minutes, copies of panel session papers and for standards work.

IEEE's Homepage has the advance program for the Summer and Winter Power Meetings. It can be found at:
<http://www.ieee.org/power/power.html>

— Got an idea for a future presentation at the Subcommittee Meetings? Contact Gene Baker (407) 475-2420 (email: ernest.baker@fpc.com) or myself (804) 775-5328 (email: dan_ward@vapower.com) with your suggestions.)