

# IEEE Distribution Subcommittee Vice Chair Report January 9, 2008

Between June 2007 and January 2008, the subcommittee has been assigned a total of 40 transactions grade papers and two PES Letter to review. Of these, 17 were new papers and 13 were revisions. This is down from the same period last year, especially the number of revised papers. The web site for the process is located at: [http://tpwrds-ieee.manuscriptcentral.com/](http://tpwrds.ieee.manuscriptcentral.com/) .

The Distribution SC is falling significantly behind on reviewing papers. Of the 16 papers that are awaiting their first review, there are eight which no one has volunteered to review or that there are too few reviewers. If this continues, I may have to start assigning people to review these papers.

A plurality of the papers that are being assigned to the Distribution Subcommittee are Distributed Resource type papers. And these papers are the ones where I am not getting volunteers to review them. At the 2007 General meeting, the Integration of Renewable Energy into the Transmission and Distribution Grids Subcommittee had agreed to take over the reviews of these papers. But there was no action on the part of their editor and all of the papers were assigned back to the Distribution SC. If new subcommittees are formed in special interest areas, then they should be responsible for reviewing those papers. Cheri Warren and I will be taking this up with the T&D Committee.

Periodically I will send out a list of papers that require review by the subcommittee to the members of the subcommittee. I'll ask for volunteers to review the papers. After someone volunteers I will assign him or her to review the paper(s) in the system. This will automatically generate an email to the reviewer giving them the web site's address. The reviewer then will log into the system and review the paper(s).

If you do volunteer to review a paper, please make every effort to complete the review within a month. IEEE/PES has the goal of completing reviews within 90 days. As the paper may have been received up to a month before I ask for volunteers, those that do volunteer to review the paper should make every effort to review it in a timely fashion. If there are a sufficient number of reviews returned and the paper is approaching the 90-day limit, I will return the review with those that have been received.

On another note, if there are any new engineers within your company, one way to get them involved within IEEE is to have them review transaction papers. This could also become a good learning experience for these engineers. If there are any new, or newer, engineers within your company that you feel are qualified, please send me their contact information. If we can get some new reviewers, maybe we can get them to attend meetings in the future and add to our membership base.

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