

**Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations  
Chuck DeNardo, Chair**

**Manchester Grand Hyatt  
San Diego, California  
July 23, 2012  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations (aka the Stray & Contact Voltage Working Group) met at the 2012 IEEE PES General Meeting from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday July 23, 2012 in Room Ford C at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. Following presentation of the mandatory patent infringement and litigation slides; and review/approval of the Anaheim meeting minutes, Larry Conrad (Chair of WG 1836) updated the group on attempts to require North American manufacturers to limit the harmonic currents generated by residential products. This was followed by a discussion of the need for, and usefulness of, a contact voltage detection database. A draft standardized data collection form was presented for discussion, and a task force was formed to investigate the possibility of a voluntary and anonymous reporting procedure. Stu Hanebuth volunteered to chair the task force which will present its findings at the January meeting in Memphis.

Jens Schoene and Matt Norwalk have begun work on a swimming pool investigation protocol. They presented their initial thoughts and will be soliciting feedback by e-mail prior to the next meeting. A web meeting on this topic was discussed but no decision on when it might occur was made. The group next had a discussion concerning the possibility of having a contact voltage panel session at the PES General Meeting in Vancouver next July. The group thought it a good idea and several people volunteered to participate. The chair agreed to find out if a panel session would be possible and to make the necessary arrangements. The chair also gave a brief description of the Contact Voltage legislation just signed into law in Rhode Island. Jim Bouford closed the meeting with a continuing discussion of an acceptable exposure matrix. A revised draft matrix was presented.

The meeting was adjourned.