



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE FALL 2022 MEETING



September 14, 2022

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your spouse/companion are cordially invited to Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, to attend the fall 2022 meeting of the IEEE PES Transformers Committee, October 16–20. We look forward to welcoming you to our city that was named the #1 Most Up-and-Coming City in America based on a study done by Yelp and reported by *Time* magazine! Charlotte's colorful history, natural beauty and metropolitan splendor make the "Queen City" not just one of a kind, but one of every kind! With its skyscrapers, foodie options, lush parks and greenways, cozy diners, world-class museums, moving artistic performances, lively breweries and quirky boutiques, Charlotte holds something for everyone.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Our meeting will be held in uptown Charlotte at the Sheraton/Le Méridien hotel complex, 550 South McDowell Street. Offering three on-site restaurants, fitness center, comfortable rooms and suites, the Sheraton and Le Méridien are in the area of town known as the heartbeat of the city. You will find a plethora of delicious eateries and contemporary museums as well as being just steps away from the The Market at 7th Street with its lively mix of food, drink and retail offering a variety of local and global fare as well as handcrafted goods. If outdoor exercise is your thing, check out Little Sugar Creek Greenway, Elizabeth Park and Marshall Park, all just minutes away from the hotel complex.

Our discounted guestroom rates start at US\$185 per night at the Sheraton and US\$205 per night at the Le Méridien. All rates include complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and hotel public space as well as complimentary fitness center access for all overnight guests. Visit the Committee's website for a link to reserve a room, or if you call one of the hotels, mention "IEEE Transformers" to receive the respective group rate. Cut-off date for the group rate is Friday, September 23, but we expect the hotel to sell out sooner.

GETTING THERE: The Sheraton/Le Méridien hotel complex is located approximately 8 miles/13 km east of Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). Taxi fare is approximately US\$25 one way from the airport to uptown, and taxis are required to accept credit card payments. UBER and Lyft (US\$17–US\$25) are also approved for ridesharing at CLT. Discounted self-parking in the hotel's garage is US\$15/car per night. Valet parking is also available at a rate of US\$35/car per night.

MEETING REGISTRATION: Register on-line for the meeting, Sunday night reception, Monday and Tuesday lunches, spouse/companion Monday tour and Wednesday night event: <https://cvent.me/nDOG7E>. This link can also be found on the Committee website Next Meeting page. Register by **Friday, September 23**, to receive a US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on Wednesday, October 12 to print name badges and finalize counts. The cost to register on-site is substantially higher than the advance registration price, and some events may not be available for on-site registration.

WEATHER: October temperatures in Charlotte are typically comfortable during the day and cooler at night with only a small chance of precipitation (average high of 67°F/19°C and low of 47°F/8°C). Dress for the meeting is business casual.

SUNDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION: The reception will be held inside the Sheraton/Le Méridien hotel complex in the beautiful Carolina Ballroom. Featuring live music by The Herringbones, plenty of tasty food and cash bars, come kick off the week catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Please indicate whether you will attend this reception during the meeting registration process.

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOUR: Monday’s Historic Rosedale & Paddywax tour keeps our group close to “home base” as they explore the Rosedale Plantation and nurture their creative side by making their very own version of one of the most versatile and functional candle brands on the market. A family-style, seasonally-inspired lunch at Rooster’s Wood-Fired Kitchen will be a mid-day treat featuring southern charm and the finest foods the region has to offer.

See flyer for details and register early as attendance is limited.

TECHNICAL TOURS: Tours of Siemens Energy Worldwide Energy Hub and the Duke Energy Emerging Technology Center are planned for Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon, respectively. Register on-line for both tours. Attendance is limited – see flyers for details.

WEDNESDAY DINNER SOCIAL: NASCAR Hall of Fame is an interactive entertainment venue honoring the history and heritage of NASCAR and designed to educate and entertain race fans and non-fans alike. Guests will have time to explore the entire facility, including artifacts and hands-on exhibits while enjoying a movie in the High Octane Theater, “racing” other guests in the race simulator and performing a simulated pit stop as part of a 3-person pit crew. Partake in hors d’oeuvres and cash bars before gathering in the Grand Hall for dinner surrounded by the cars on Glory Road. After dinner, continue the experience until 9:30 PM or head out early to explore uptown Charlotte. Attendance is limited – see flyer for dinner menu and details.

ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION: Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee’s website:

- Registration Fees Summary – Guide to review all fees before logging into the registration system
- Meeting Schedule and General Sessions Agenda – If any noteworthy changes are made, an updated schedule will be posted on the Committee’s website a few days prior to the meeting

We are certain you will enjoy everything Charlotte has to offer and look forward to seeing you at the fall 2022 meeting!

Best regards,

David & Michele Wallach

Fall 2022 Meeting Hosts

Duke Energy team: Cihangir (John),
Dinesh, Kumar, Reinaldo, Scott & Tyler

