



SPRING 2014 TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE MEETING



February 13, 2014

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your companion are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Spring 2014 meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee, to be held March 23-27 in Savannah, Georgia. We consider this opportunity a distinct honor and privilege, and everyone at Efacec Power Transformers is delighted to be your host for this event.

Our meeting will be held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront (100 General McIntosh Boulevard). Located in the heart of the historical district, the Marriott Riverfront allows you to step out the front door onto the streets to enjoy the sights—from the past to the present—in just a few steps.

HOTEL INFORMATION: The Marriott is currently sold out. There are two overflow hotels: the Hampton Inn Savannah and the Holiday Inn Express, both located on East Bay Street. The rate for both hotels is US\$159 per night, including free WiFi. Visit the Committee's website for reservation links. Or call (912)231-9700 for the Hampton Inn, (912)231-9000 for the Holiday Inn Express; mention Group Code IEE when making your reservation to receive the discounted rate. The cut-off date is February 28, or until the hotels are sold out.

GETTING THERE: The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is located approximately 25 minutes from downtown Savannah. The airport code is SAV. You can take a taxi to your hotel (approximately \$35 one way); there is also a shuttle service available (visit www.kshuttle.com for rates and reservations).

REGISTRATION: Register on-line at www.transformerscommittee.org for tours, social events and meeting registration. Register by February 28 to receive the \$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on March 19 to print name badges and finalize counts. Note that the cost to register on-site is substantially higher than the advance registration price.

WEATHER: Weather can be unpredictable this time of year, but you can expect daytime highs to be in the upper 60s to lower 70s (mid to upper teens °C), with nighttime lows in the upper 40s (0 to 5°C). With the possibility of wild temperature swings from day to day, even being inside restaurants and other attractions may require long sleeves to be comfortable. Please keep this in mind when you are packing for your trip. Dress for the meeting is business casual.

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD EVENT: Dinner and a fun night of dueling piano entertainment at **Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Bar**. See the flyer on the website for details and to register for this event.

SUNDAY EVENING RECEPTION: Efacec Power Transformers is proud to host this renewal of old friendships and formation of new ones in the **Marriott's Atrium**. A cash bar and TONS of fabulous food will be provided, along with a contemporary trio for your listening enjoyment. Indicate your intention to attend this event during the on-line registration process.

TUESDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON: Join fellow meeting attendees in the **Marriott's Ballroom** to recognize the hard work of your peers.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: We invite you to enjoy a **Cruise on the Savannah River**. During this two-hour riverboat cruise, you will enjoy live musical entertainment on all three levels and a buffet dinner of Southern delights while you learn what makes this the fourth busiest port in the US along with other fun facts about the city. See the flyer on the website for more details.

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS: Join us on Monday to tour historic Savannah, with its rich history, old world charm and beautiful homes, followed by an afternoon walking tour of the infamous Bonaventure Cemetery. On Tuesday, we are off to Tybee Island to visit the historic Tybee Lighthouse and Museum, with a stop for a delectable lunch at Uncle Bubba's (Paula Deen's brother). The day will wrap up with a peek into the life of Paula Deen. See the flyer on the website for more details.

TECHNICAL TOURS: Efacec Power Transformers will host a guided tour of its transformer manufacturing facility in Rincon, Georgia on Sunday morning. And on Thursday afternoon, join us for a tour of the Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (note that a passport will be required to register for this event). See the flyer on the website for more details.

SEEING SAVANNAH: Known as the "Hostess City of the South," Savannah has something for everyone. Rich history, wonderful views, fantastic shopping, delicious food—Savannah has it all! A good starting point to plan your trip is www.visitsavannah.com. And links to several helpful websites are also available on the Committee website.

ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION: Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website at www.transformerscommittee.org:

- Meeting Registration Form. Use this as a guide to review the fees for each activity before you begin the on-line registration process. Instructions for individual event registrations and payment can be found on this page.
- Detailed Meeting Schedule and General Session 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.
- Other informational flyers, including those for the Tuesday Luncheon, the Saturday Early Bird Event, the Wednesday Social Event, Spouse/Companion Tours, Technical Tours and Technical Presentations.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring 2014 meeting. And we know you will enjoy "Springtime in the South"!

Best regards,
Jorge & Jenny Guerra
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