



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



January 31, 2003

Dear Committee Members & Guests:

You and a companion are cordially invited to Raleigh, North Carolina to attend the Spring 2003 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee to be held March 16-20, 2003 at the Sheraton Capital Center. ABB Inc. is proud to host the meeting in Raleigh and it promises to be an event that will long be remembered.

The **Sheraton Capital Center** is located in Downtown Raleigh (421 South Salisbury Street). Special room rates have been negotiated during March 15-21, 2003. The guest rooms are reserved under "IEEE Transformers Committee." Rooms can be reserved by calling (800) 834-2105 or (919) 834-9900. The room block cut off date is February 13, 2003. After that date, all of our remaining rooms will be released. It is anticipated that this meeting will be well attended and you are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible. The Sheraton is the *only* hotel in downtown Raleigh.

Ground transportation from the airport to the hotel includes your choices of:

- Taxicab: One way trip from RDU to downtown Raleigh is approximately \$30.
- Sedan: Call Capital Style Transportation at (919) 460-1230, mention IEEE and receive one way Sedan transportation for \$45.
- Sedan/Suburban: Call White Horse Transportation at (888) 624-6773, mention IEEE and receive a one way corporate rate of \$32.

Mid-March is a beautiful time in Raleigh although it can be breezy at times. The temperature ranges from an average high of 62°F (17C) to an average low of 40°F (4C). Dress attire for the meetings is business casual.

On-line Registration

We have a full agenda planned for this meeting. Use the on-line registration system to register for all tours and events. The on-line registration system can be accessed at www.transformerscommittee.org.

Special Events

The Sunday Evening Reception will be held at the **Sheraton Capital Center**.

The speaker for the Tuesday Luncheon is **Mr. John W. Estey**, President and CEO of S&C Electric Co. Mr. Estey has served on the IEEE Power Engineering Society Governing and Executive Board since 1992 and is the current President of the IEEE Power Engineering Society. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of National Electrical Manufacturers Association. We are very excited about having Mr. Estey attend our meeting and look forward to his presentation.

On **Wednesday**, you and your companion may enjoy our Evening Social Event, at **North Carolina Museum of Art**. The Museum will take you on a voyage through 5,000 years of artistic heritage. Docents will be available for tours during the reception to offer interesting facts about the works from American artists as well as collections of African, Oceanic, New World, Egyptian, Greek, and Roman art. Following the tour, guests will be seated for a splendid meal.

Companion Tours

Monday March 17- Tour the area's most spectacular shopping center, **Triangle Town Center**. It's part indoor mall and part outdoor village, completely a place where your eyes will be filled with wonder. From the river that runs through the Town Commons to the make-believe children's swimming hole, Curiosity Creek, Triangle Town Center is entirely unique and special. Lunch will be included in the day's event.

Tuesday March 18- The day begins with a trip to **Duke Chapel and Sara Duke Gardens** located on Duke University in Durham. On the road to Durham, participants will learn about the many industries which have shaped our state's economy. We will return to Raleigh for lunch at the **Cardinal Club**, then tour the **State Capitol** and **The North Carolina Museum of History**.

Technical Tours

Sunday morning, **March 16** – Tour **Waukesha Electric System's Transformer Plant** in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the Sheraton for a 1.5 hour ride to the plant. A bag breakfast will be provided on the bus. After the tour and a catered lunch at the factory, the buses will depart and return to the Sheraton around 1:30 p.m.

Thursday afternoon, **March 20** --Tour **ABB Small Power Transformer Plant** just across the North Carolina state line to South Boston, Virginia. Attendees will board the buses at 12:15 p.m. in front of the hotel. ABB will provide a box lunch during the two hour bus ride to South Boston, Virginia. The tour will last approximately 2 hours and refreshments will be provided for the ride back. The bus will stop around 6:00 p.m. at the RDU airport for those who have an evening flight, then continue the return trip to the Sheraton.

Both of the Technical Tours will be by invitation only. Separate invitations will be mailed to select attendees by February 6th.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Meeting Registration Form. You may mail this form with payment to IEEE (must be received by February 13th to be eligible for the US \$20 early registration discount) or register on-line using a major credit card. On-line registration is available at www.transformerscommittee.org.
2. Detailed Meeting Schedule. An update to the schedule will be posted on the Committee's web-site one week before the meeting.
3. Information Flyers on:
 - Hotel Reservation Information
 - Companion Tours
 - Tuesday Luncheon with guest speaker
 - Wednesday Dinner Social
 - Technical Presentations
4. Raleigh Visitors Information

We are very pleased to host the Spring 2003 Meeting. We hope your visit will be enjoyable and memorable. If you require further information or assistance, please phone me at (434) 575-2133 or e-mail me at ray.nicholas@ieee.org. If I am not available, please contact Beverly Jenkins at (919) 856-3807 or by e-mail beverly.a.jenkins@us.abb.com

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