

TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



February 3, 2007

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your companion are cordially invited to attend the Spring 2007 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee to be held March 11-15, 2007 in Dallas, Texas. I am excited to represent TXU Electric Delivery as your host of this meeting.

Our meeting will take place at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre, 5410 LBJ Freeway, located just minutes from hundreds of restaurants, entertainment and shopping destinations. The reduced group rate is US\$139 for single and double occupancy. Guest rooms are reserved under the group name "IEEE Transformers" and can be reserved at 1-800-HILTONS or 972-934-8400, or by fax at 972-701-5244 (include your email address in the fax). A link to the Hilton on-line reservation system is included in the Committee's website ("Next Meeting" page). The room-block cut-off date is February 14. After that date, remaining rooms will be released to the public. There are also a limited number of executive levels rooms available at an additional cost.

You have two airports to choose from. Dallas Love Field (DAL) is 10 minutes away and a major hub for Southwest Airlines. A SuperShuttle ride will cost you \$21, or the taxi fare is ~\$23. DFW International Airport (DFW) is 20 minutes away and a SuperShuttle ride to/from there will cost you \$16, or the taxi fare is ~\$40. SuperShuttle tickets are available at the airport (advance reservation is not necessary).

For those who rent a car, the hotel offers self-parking in the adjacent garage at \$10/day, or \$18 for valet service. There are a few lakeside parking places available at no charge. The DFW area provides visitors a unique blend of Southwestern warmth, cosmopolitan flair, Old West charm, and modern sophistication. Visitors can experience the diverse cultures of both Dallas and nearby Fort Worth. You can visit the Dallas CVB website (www.dallascvb.com), or the Fort Worth website (www.fortworth.com). There is something available for everyone and I encourage you to take an extra day or two to see the many sites of the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The weather in early March can get a little chilly in the morning and evening hours, so be sure to bring a light jacket. Temperatures range from an average high of 67°F (19°C), to an average low of 43°F (6°C). But like they say in Texas, if you don't like the weather just wait a little while and it will change! In addition to our meetings, we have also planned some great tours to make you and your companion's visit to Dallas/Fort Worth a memorable experience.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

We again 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. Register by February 14 to receive the early-registration discount. The on-line registration system will be completely disabled on Wednesday, March 7 to print namebadges and finalize counts. Note that the cost to walk-up register for the meeting at the hotel is substantially higher than registering on-line in advance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 11 -- For those if you who are history buffs, there will be a tour on Sunday morning of the historic sites surrounding John F. Kennedy's assassination. You will tour the **Sixth Floor Museum** (formerly the Texas School Book Depository), walk through **Dealey Plaza** and see the John F. Kennedy Memorial. Lunch will be in the historic West End at Sonny Bryans smokehouse.

The **Sunday Evening Reception** will be held in the Lincoln Ballroom of the Hilton. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm. Don't miss this event to mingle with some old friends and meet new ones. It is an excellent networking opportunity to brush shoulders with the "Who's Who" in the transformer world.

Tuesday, March 13 -- The speaker for the **Tuesday Luncheon** will be Michael Quinn P.E. from TXU Electric Delivery. Michael will talk about TXU's BPL Project (Broadband over Power Line). We will have some of the BPL equipment on display in the registration area on Tuesday morning for you to examine during breaks.

Wednesday, March 14 -- Our **Wednesday Evening Dinner Social** will give you and your spouse or companion the opportunity to spend an evening at the Dallas World Aquarium. You will be able to enjoy a dinner buffet while walking through the aquarium and the Orinoco Rainforest Exhibit and observe the marine life, beautiful scenery and exotic wildlife.

COMPANION TOURS

Monday, March 12 -- On Monday, your spouse/companion will get an opportunity to enjoy the local culture that Fort Worth has to offer. You will visit the **Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and** see a real herd of Texas Longhorns as you watch the **Fort Worth Herd** herded along Exchange Street. You will have an opportunity to browse the shops along Exchange Street, eat lunch at the Stockyards Hotel and end the day with shopping at **Sam Moon's**.

Tuesday, March 13 -- On Tuesday you will see some of the sites Dallas has to offer. You will start with a tour of the **Sixth Floor Museum** and **Dealey Plaza**, which provides a comprehensive exhibit on the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. After lunch you will tour the **Dallas Museum of Art.** In addition to the permanent collection you will have a chance to see a special exhibit in town for a limited time called **"Matisse - Painter as Sculptor".**

TECHNICAL TOURS

At the time of this letter, there are no technical tours planned for this meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following additional information comprises the Meeting Invitation Package. This information can be found on the Committee's website (www.transformerscommittee.org).

- Meeting Registration Form. You may mail or fax this form with payment or register on-line using a major credit card (must be received by February 14 to be eligible for the early registration discount). On-line registration is encouraged and is available starting sometime during the week of February 5.
- 2. <u>Detailed Meeting Schedule</u>. An updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's website approximately one week before the meeting.
- 3. <u>Information Flyers</u>:
 - Sunday Activity
 - Monday & Tuesday Companion Tours
 - Tuesday Speaker Luncheon

- Wednesday Evening Dinner Social
- Technical Presentations

I am pleased to host this event and hope your visit will be enjoyable and memorable. If you require further information or assistance, please phone me at 817-475-9283, or email me at ken.hanus@ieee.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

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