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AEIC's Cable Engineering Committee (CEC) held a series of virtual meetings on May 6-8, 2020 to complete a full committee meeting agenda that was originally scheduled to be discussed at a face-to-face meeting in May.

On May 6, the meeting was initiated by acknowledging new committee members from Eversource, Orange & Rockland, and Salt River Project. The committee has seen rapid growth in membership over the last year-and-a-half.

Morning discussions included reports from task force groups writing and editing the CEC specifications and guidelines, schedule reviews, and clarifications of committee members' roles and responsibilities in producing the AEIC committee' publications.

A one-hour afternoon virtual break-out session was held by the working group creating a "Guide for Developing Specifications for Extruded Power Cables."

Also in the afternoon, the committee met with the UPCSTAC organization, the Utility Power Cable Standards Technical Advisory Committee, composed of CEC members and representatives of manufacturers of underground cables and accessories.

May 7, was devoted to a technical presentation by NEETRAC, the National Electric Energy Testing, Research, and Applications Center, affiliated with Georgia Tech University. Additionally, there were two break-out sessions, one dedicated to distribution specification and the other to the development of transmission specification.

Friday, May 8, consisted of three concurrent break-out sessions to discuss failure data and manufacturer rating, a guide for minimizing the cost of cables and updating of a "Guide for the Installation of Pipe-Type Cable Systems".

Upcoming committee meetings were also announced for October 25-28, 2020 and the CEC Spring meeting for April 18-21, 2021.