AEIC Power Generation and Electric Power Apparatus Committees Schedule Mid-May Virtual Meetings

As a result of canceling planned face-to-face committee meetings in the spring, both the Power Generation Committee and Electric Power Apparatus Committee will hold extended virtual members meetings to conduct committee business and update members during the COVID-19.

The Power Generation Committee (PGC) held a virtual two-hour members-only meeting on May 13 primarily to further discuss the current pandemic situation and its impact on industry planning and operations. This was the third pandemic-centric multi-hour meeting held by the PGC over the last 3 months.

The meeting was opened with a safety moment followed by an update from the PGC Equipment Sub-committee on vendor engagement for future meetings. The meeting then transitioned into predominantly pandemic related topics. The agenda included presentations on and discussion around observations and lessons learned in:

- Social distancing requirements (Working within 6 feet)
- Preparing for the Fall outage season with pandemic restrictions (Fall outage preparation post-COVID-19)
- Hot spot located member company actions to address pandemic implications (NYPAC Pandemic Response)
- Geographically dispersed member company actions to address pandemic implications (Calpine Pandemic Response)
- Dealing with day-to-day pandemic implications to power plant control (Control Room Isolation Transition)

The Electric Power Apparatus Committee (EPAC) conducted a virtual member meeting on May 18. As with all AEIC committee meetings, EPAC began the meeting with a safety discussion, followed by a Liaison Committee report. EPAC’s Liaison Committee is responsible for direct contact with 23 manufacturers of electric power apparatus.

Following this report, the committee discussed the other EPAC subcommittees, Asset Management, and Membership subcommittees.

The committee discussed manufacturers of electrical power apparatus and if the pandemic has caused supply chain delays or cancellations of electric power apparatus. Also, there
was a discussion on any long-term impacts that COVID-19 may have had on electric power apparatus manufacturers.

The meeting concluded after a roundtable discussion, which is customary for the committee. EPAC’s fall committee meeting is scheduled for September 29 – October 1, 2020, and the committee will discuss contingency plans if COVID-19 requires a schedule adjustment.