



AEIC's Electric Power Apparatus Committee Holds Virtual Fall Committee Meeting

For Release, Wednesday, October 14, 2020: The Association of Edison Illuminating Companies Electric Power Apparatus Committee (EPAC) held its regular fall committee meeting on September 29 – 30 using a virtual platform.

The Committee provides forums for communication among electric utilities and the manufacturers of major electric utility power apparatus. These interactions promote the availability of the highest quality and most economical products, consistent with electric utility needs.

Jim Vespalec, Director, Asset Planning & Engineering, American Transmission Company, Chair of EPAC said, “Although the Committee meets twice a year, our committee members are tasked with maintaining strong liaisons with manufacturers and sharing new information and technology improvements regularly with fellow committee members.”

EPAC's regular fall meeting consisted of morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday, September 29, and Wednesday, September 30, with short break periods and time between for lunch.

As is the custom among AEIC committees, the meeting began with a safety presentation by Sue Kidd, General Manager, T&D Distribution Operations & Maintenance, of Arizona Public Service Company, followed by the committee's business meeting.

The Committee maintains liaisons with 24 manufacturers of electric power apparatus equipment. Representatives from six manufacturing companies made presentations to the members. Presenting were Siemens, GE Renewable Energy, AMSC, MEPPI, Hitachi ABB, and HICO. Topics focused on power electronics, which included trends in the shunt compensation market, STATCOM technology, fiber optic current sensors, and grid stability.

“Although virtual meetings allow us to continue our committee work, we are hopeful to return to face-to-face, in-person committee meetings in the near future,” Vespalec said.
