Tuesday, August 9, 2011

**Governing Board Voting on New Standard**

The SGIP’s Governing Board is currently voting on the SAE 2847-1 Communication between Plug-in Vehicles standard. Details on the work performed can be located at the PAP-11 TWiki page (now located under the “Closed PAPs”). A quorum must be reached for the vote to count. The Vote is scheduled to close on August 12 and the SGIP Administrator will announce results shortly thereafter. If the Governing Board approves, then it will be placed before the SGIP for a vote.

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**PMO Prioritization of SGIP Standards Reviews and Charter Update**

In order to more efficiently and effectively manage the large number of standards and guidelines in the SGIP review queues, the PMO has accepted responsibility for maintaining a prioritized list for conducting the reviews.

By creating this centralized list, the SGAC, CSWG, and IPRWG can march through the standards reviews in a more structured way and get them completed for Governing Board and plenary votes in a more timely fashion. The list will provide the top 10 priorities and is maintained on the TWiki site as part of the PMO pages.

The PMO will be meeting periodically to keep this list up-to-date. SGIP members can follow the prioritization and status of these reviews at: [http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/CoSProcessStatusTracker](http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/CoSProcessStatusTracker).

Additionally, the PMO Charter has been improved to address the management and coordination of Catalog of Standards-related processes and documentation. The charter has also been converted into the official SGIP template and has been numbered 2011-012_1. The document has been posted to the PMO’s TWiki page [http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/pub/SmartGrid/PMO](http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/pub/SmartGrid/PMO).

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**Safety and the Smart Grid**

After the National Fire Protection Association’s presentation in Montreal, safety became a key topic of discussion. Electrical grid installations in most countries must comply with a series of safety standards. In North America, the National Electrical Code (NEC® or ANSI/NFPA 70) is the standard for safety in the home and workplace. The safe operation of the electrical grid is covered by the National Electrical Safety Code, a similar but different safety standard.

SGIP has established a TWiki page on safety and a group will be set up to help identify any gaps or issues for updating the codes. Additionally, the group will consider other safety concerns that may need to be reflected in interoperability standards and guidelines coordinating automation within the electric system, both utility and end-use systems. The webpage contains a growing list of documents and links relevant to safety standards as they apply to the Smart Grid: [http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SafetyAndTheSmartGrid](http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SafetyAndTheSmartGrid).

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Reminder: PAP Reports Presented Today

The SGIP’s Project Management Office (PMO) will be conducting its monthly roundup of the PAP teams. This is a great opportunity to find out about the SGIP’s progress and results.

Tuesday, August 9, 1:00 – 2:30 EDT
GoTo Link: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/688562411
Call-In: 800-549-3770 (Access code: 6270)

Smart Grid Advisory Committee

Holding Open Meeting on Aug. 23rd

The Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC) will hold a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The primary purpose of this meeting is to review sections of the Committee’s draft report to the NIST Director. The sections of the draft report that the Committee will consider at the meeting will be posted on the SGAC web site at http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number.


DOE Relaunches Energy.gov

The U.S. Department of Energy announced last week the next step of its comprehensive website reform, making Energy.gov a cutting-edge, interactive information platform and saving taxpayers more than $10 million annually.

Through a complete overhaul of its front-end and back-end design, Energy.gov modernizes how consumers and businesses access the information and resources they need to save money and energy while improving Departmental staff’s ability to interact with the public and each other.

"Our goal is to make Energy.gov easier to use, more transparent and more participatory," said Secretary Chu. "This next phase is part of our ongoing commitment to empower consumers and businesses with the information, tools and services they need to save money, create jobs and find opportunities in the new energy economy."

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