

# TRANSIENT RECORDER USERS COUNCIL (TRUC) CHARTER

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Council (TRUC) shall be:

- Promote and encourage improved Transient Recorder technology and capabilities to the benefit of the electric utility User industry.
- Insure maximum use of the latest technology in transient recorder systems.
- Promote communications between transient recorder users.
- A transient recorder can be defined in the current technology as a digital fault recorder, breaker condition monitor, transformer condition monitor, power swing recorder, dynamic disturbance recorder, phasor measurement unit (PMU) all of which must possess the capability to record and produce oscillographic type fault records with analysis software, along with sequence of events recorder technology. All of these recorders shall be included to allow the full benefit of all information recorded during power disturbances. Breaker and transformer monitors that are merely meters, gauges or transducers are not classified as transient recorders.

## SCOPE

This TRUC shall provide a means of exchanging information on transient recorder systems between users, manufacturers, and other interested parties. Users' needs shall be investigated and data collected to allow recommendations and direction on product improvements and ideas for product enhancements. Publications shall be provided to aid in the interchange of ideas, and encourage feedback to help the Council meet the stated goals. In the areas where standards may be required, the TRUC will gather data and needs, and provide this to the appropriate IEEE or PSRC working group for action as needed.

Fault & Disturbance Analysis Conference Duties

- The TRUC will review all papers for the Conference, and coordinate the planning and operation of the Conference where appropriate.
- Maintain the TRUC Website. TRUC Website @ <http://www.truc.org>

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Membership at present shall be no more than 21 **User** and **Non-User** members. There shall be no more than 7 Non-User members. No more than two User members per company shall be permitted.

Council members shall submit written nominations and biographies for prospective TRUC members to the Chair. Resignations shall be submitted to the Chair in writing. Guest(s) invited by the Council shall be permitted.

In addition to the user and non-user members, there shall be at least one member that acts on behalf of the entity sponsoring the conference. This **Liaison** member shall have voting rights.

Anyone being considered to fill a vacant position on TRUC should be an individual who is not only active in the field of transient power recording per the definitions contained in the TRUC Charter, but should also be a participant at the FDA Conferences. An individual's association with a particular company shall not be considered as a qualification for TRUC membership.

Sit-ins for absentee members shall not have voting rights.

Every TRUC member is encouraged to bring at least one paper to the table, for consideration in each year's FDA Conference proceedings.

Adoption of changes to the TRUC Charter, TRUC Membership Duties and all other actions taken by the TRUC committee shall require a two-thirds majority vote by the TRUC council membership.

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## OFFICERS

Officers of this Council shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. User members shall occupy the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominal term of office shall be for one year at the discretion of the Council members, with elections if any, to be held at the regular meeting. Further, the promotion from Secretary to Vice-Chair and from Vice-Chair to Chair could automatically occur with the election of a new Secretary, provided that a User member occupied the position of Secretary.

Whenever a Non-User occupies the Secretary's position, that Non-User cannot ascend through the ranks to become Vice-Chair or Chair. The term of service for a "**Non-User Secretary**" will be for a standard 1-year term, with successive years permitted.

If a Non-User member occupies the position of Secretary either through a new appointment by the TRUC or a continuance of a previous term, the Vice-Chair is automatically promoted to Chair, and a new nomination process will occur within the Council to elect a User member as the new Vice-Chair. A "**Non-User Secretary**" is prohibited from attending the User's Forum, which normally takes place at the end of the afternoon session on the first day of the FDA Conference.

During the administration of a "**Non-User Secretary**," a different TRUC User member will handle the comments regarding each Transient Recorder Non-User during the Users Forum. Thereafter, the participating TRUC User members will individually consult with each affected Transient Recorder Non-User.