PSPC Chair’s Report for the Spring 2001 I&CPS Meeting at New Orleans, LA.

1. Nominations for Power Systems Protection Committee Officers for year 2001 were submitted by the Nominations Committee on October 4, 1999. The following persons were nominated and accepted the offices as follows for year 2000:
   Chair: Ray Valentine
   Vice-Chair: N. Terry Stringer
   Secretary: Carey Cook

   a. The PSPC meeting was held at the Sheraton Roma Hotel on Monday afternoon, October 9, 2000 starting at 2:00P. There were no visitors to the PSPC meeting. At the 2000 Spring Meeting of the I&CPS at Clearwater, FL, it was decided that the Power Systems Protection Committee meeting at the 2000 Fall IAS Annual Meeting at Rome, Italy, should not be the regular meeting but be a presentation for visitors on the functions and activities of the PSPC. Chair, George Gregory, prepared a set of twenty (20) Power-Point slides to structure, facilitate and coordinate the presentation. George was prepared to present an overview of the PSPC, Carey Cook was prepared to present the Medium-Voltage SC and Protection & Coordination SC and Buff Book descriptions and Ray Valentine was prepared to present the Low-Voltage SC and Blue Book descriptions. With no visitors in attendance these presentations were not made.
   The time available was used to discuss the Buff Book progress in particular and the review process in general. Sue Vogel from headquarters was in attendance. Headquarters wants to do the Buff Book balloting. The good side of headquarters doing it is that only one copy need be made. Otherwise 30 copies are needed!. The bad side of a headquarters ballot seemed to be that reviewers would have to review a thousand page document!. Sue Vogel said the Computer Society does balloting like that now. Another aspect discussed was that of resolution of the one negative ballot outstanding. Information is that it can be bypassed by showing the Rev. Com. that everyone else who has seen the negative ballot comments continues to vote the same.
   Then, It was pointed out by Baldy Bridger that AutoCad was used to do the original graphics and the new graphics should be done the same way. Sue Vogel pointed out that headquarters no longer has their warehouse so even the otherwise usable original graphics may no longer exist. With new graphics certain to be required, it was suggested that headquarters have the graphics produced professionally from sketches submitted by the writers. Sue suggested that this could most likely not be done because of current budget constraints. This led to discussion about how much revenue the Color Book series generated for IEEE in general and how much the Buff Book itself brought in, in particular. Sue suggested that these were not good questions to ask. It was pointed out that these are Recommended Practices, not Product Standards, and Industry would not be inclined to support the funding. More questions and comments continued on using headquarters budget money or Color Book sale revenue money or even conference surplus money to have the graphics done. Discussion ended with Sue Vogel offering to follow up on this with higher authorities at headquarters.
   The meeting closed after a final comment from Louie Powell who pointed out that the Color Books are soon to be made available on CD ROM. The question is how will this medium affect the way future reviews and changes are to be made?

   b. Other Committee and Working Group Meetings that were held were (1) the PSP Relay WG Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 from 8:30 A to 9:30 A and (2) the PSP Generator WG Meeting which was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 from 10:00 A to 12:00 N.

   c. The following papers were scheduled for presentation at the Power Systems Protection Session, (Session 71) at Rome, IT on Thursday, October 12, 2000 in the Caravaggio Room. The Session Chair was George Gregory, Square D Co., USA and the Session Organizer was N. Terry Stringer, then of Cooper Power Systems, USA.
3. Looking back at a few comments made at recent meetings:

   a. At the 1999 IEEE IAS Annual Meeting at Phoenix, AZ on October 5, 1999 it was indicated that PSPC needed a liaison person for the Relaying Tutorial being Chaired by Stan Zocholl.

   It was at the Phoenix meeting that it was proposed to change the Power Quality subcommittee to the "Surge and Over-voltage Protection Subcommittee" in order to focus it more directly to "protection". The action item was to work on a scope with PES. Then, once a scope was agreed upon, it would be taken to I&CPS.

   Also at the Phoenix meeting it was proposed that PSPC form a "High-Voltage Protection Subcommittee" to address procedures in control of high-voltage circuits. High-Voltage would be above the maximum of 72 kV upper limit of Medium-Voltage. There were reports of persons using disconnect switches to de-energize transformer magnetizing current.

   b. At the Clearwater, FL I&CPS Meeting on May 7, 2000, the Protection & Coordination SC met with guests Sue Vogel and Tricia Gerdon from headquarters to discuss balloting of the Buff Book. Sue advised that Tricia would assume responsibility as IEEE Standards Staff Liaison to the IAS effectively immediately. Tricia's phone is (732) 562-3811, her FAX is (732) 562-1571 and her e-mail is p.gerdon@ieee.org. Sue's e-mail is s.vogel@ieee.org.

   Also on the Buff Book, there was one negative ballot that remained to be resolved. A way of resolving a single negative ballot was given by Sue at the Rome 2000 meeting. See the notes above.

   The "Motor Multi-Function Relay WG" was disbanded. Its purpose was thought to have been satisfied.