Task XV Experts Website

You can get to the Experts site by clicking the “Experts’ site” link in the left-hand navigation pane. This will bring you to a login screen. You should have recently received an email from the Webmaster containing your login and password. If you have not received this email, please contact the Webmaster at: verity@ijnet.nl.

The Experts site contains a library including, among other documents:
- the agenda and presentations from the recent Task XV Experts meeting;
- presentations about some examples of network-driven DSM;
- the Task XV timetable; and
- copies of the various issues of this Newsletter.

The Experts site also includes a comment facility, accessible from the “Task XV Comment Group” link on the first page of the Experts site. This facility allows you to post comments which are then visible to all other Task XV people. We will be making use of this facility as the work of Task XV progresses.

The Experts site will become the main working environment for Task XV. Eventually, it will include interactive databases containing all the information we collect for Task XV. Country Experts will be able to enter information directly into the databases about network-driven DSM experiences in their own countries. This information will be accessible to all Task XV people.
RESULTS FROM THE FIRST EXPERTS MEETING

The first Experts meeting for Task XV was held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA on 11 and 12 November 2004.

The meeting was attended by Experts from all four countries participating in Task XV: Australia, France, Spain and the United States.

The agenda from the Experts meeting is available on the Experts site.

Expansion of the Scope of Task XV

During the Experts meeting, the Spanish Expert, Carmen Rodriguez Villagarcia, pointed out that there is an additional class of network-driven DSM activities which should be covered by Task XV.

Task XV was originally designed to identify the most appropriate and cost-effective DSM measures to relieve electricity network constraints. However, in addition to relieving network constraints, DSM can also provide services for electricity network system operators, achieving peak load reductions with various response times for network operational support.

Consequently, the Operating Agent sought approval from the IEADSM Executive Committee to revise the Work Plan to allow Task XV to cover DSM activities which provide network operational services.

The ExCo agreed with this request and the change is now included in the latest version of the Task XV Prospectus which is available on the Task XV public website.

Increased Time to Carry Out Subtask 3

During the Experts meeting, the Experts stated that they felt that there was insufficient time allowed to carry out Subtask 3: Incorporation of DSM Measures into Network Planning.

Therefore, it was agreed to increase the time required to carry out Subtask 3 from four to eight months. This change is included in the revised Task XV timetable available on the Experts site.

Country Presentations

Experts from each of the four countries participating in Task XV made presentations about the electricity industry structure and opportunities for network-driven DSM in their countries. Copies of these presentations are available on the Experts site.

Methodology for Survey of Network-Driven DSM Projects

During the Experts meeting, the Operating Agent presented a preliminary draft of a form for collecting information about network-driven DSM projects and activities in the participating countries.

The Experts provided comments on this draft. It was agreed that the Operating Agent would revise the draft for further discussion, with the aim of completing a final version of the information collection form by the end of November.

EXCO DECLARES TASK XV “IN FORCE”

At the meeting of the IEADSM Executive Committee following the Experts meeting, the ExCo declared Task XV to be “in force” from 18 October 2004 and to be completed by 30 April 2006.
AUSTRALIAN EXPERT NEEDED

At the meeting of the Australian participants in Task XV held in Sydney on 15 September, it was agreed that four of the eight participating organisations would share the role of Australian Expert over the 18 month period of Task XV.

So far, only one person has stepped forward to take up the role and he is not available for the initial period which included the first Experts meeting in Atlanta.

Consequently, there was no Australian Expert from a participating organisation present in Atlanta. However, Harry Schaap was able to attend the Experts meeting to represent the participating organisations.

Both the Experts meeting and the other meetings held in Atlanta in the same week were very interesting, particularly for the information and perspective they gave about how network-driven DSM and demand response are being implemented in other countries, particularly the United States.

While I have tried to make some of this information available through the Experts site, this is really no substitute for actually being there.

Therefore, I trust that the participating organisations will be able to identify three more representatives to undertake the role of Australian Expert for each of the nominated periods during the currency of Task XV.

Please contact me at: crossley@efa.com.au if you are interested.