

**Letter of Agreement for Co-Sponsorship of the
IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid
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Introduction

This document serves as an agreement between the IEEE Power & Energy Society as financial sponsor, and the IEEE Communications Society, IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, IEEE Consumer Electronics Society, IEEE Control Systems Society, IEEE Industrial Electronics Society, IEEE Industry Applications Society, IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Society, IEEE Power Electronics Society and IEEE Signal Processing Society as technical cosponsors.

Periodical Scope

The IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid will address smart grid that relates to, arises from, or deliberately influences energy generation, transmission, distribution and delivery. The main emphasis of the proposed journal is intended to be a cross disciplinary and internationally archival journal aimed at disseminating results of research on smart grid that relates to, arises from, or deliberately influences energy generation, transmission, distribution and delivery. The journal will publish original research on theories and development on principles of smart grid technologies and systems. The Transactions will also welcome manuscripts on design, implementation and evaluation of power systems that are affected by smart grid. Surveys of existing work on smart grid may also be considered for publication when they propose a new viewpoint on history and a challenging perspective on the future of smart grid.

Implementation

This Agreement shall be acted upon by the Presidents of the Sponsors with the approval of their respective Board of Governors (BoGs) or Administrative Committees (AdCom). All changes to this Agreement shall require consent of the Financial Sponsor, IEEE PES. This Agreement shall become a part of the records of the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB).

Governance

The Power & Energy Society will be designated as the Administrative Partner of the Periodical at the inception of this Agreement and shall provide the system (Manuscript Central) for receiving, logging, filing, and delivering submitted manuscripts to associate editors and reviewers in fulfillment of peer-review process.

Financial

The IEEE Power & Energy Society is the sole financial sponsor of the Transactions on Smart Grid.

The Financial Sponsor (IEEE PES) is responsible for all financial and technical obligations of the Periodical, including provision of Reviewer contact information for areas of the Society's expertise. Compliance with financial and technical responsibilities is the responsibility of IEEE PES. Financial ownership of the Periodical requires that IEEE PES accept the responsibility of the expenses of the Periodical throughout

the year and in the potential profit or loss of the Periodical. Annual distribution of the Profit/Loss will be completed by IEEE in accordance with its established practices for year-end reconciliations.

Power & Energy Society: 100%

Cosponsorship Responsibilities & Collaboration:

As technical cosponsors, each sponsoring society will provide editors & reviewers to the journal. They will promote the publication to reviewers, authors and readers on their website, in their magazines, etc. They will direct papers to this transaction that are appropriate to this title by working with their EICs & and their community.

Administration

IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid will be administered by the IEEE Power & Energy Society.

IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid will be administered by an Editorial Board comprised of representatives of the Financial Sponsor as well as the Technical Cosponsors in the role of Editors of the journal and an Editor-in-Chief appointed by the Power & Energy Society as the Financial sponsor of the journal.

Editorial Board:

The Editorial Board shall act as Trustees for the publication and shall have sole administrative responsibility for the Periodical such as:

- Monitor quality and timeliness of the Transaction
- Verify the technical content of the Transaction is in accordance with the established scope and areas of interest
- Establish the periodical budget (page count, etc)
- Execute policies as established by the Editorial Board and approved by the PES VP of Publications

The Editorial Board shall meet annually to review the progress of the Periodical and prepare the budget of the Periodical. The membership of the Editorial Board shall consist of Editors appointed by the EIC and one from each of the financial and technical sponsoring societies.

Each Society delegate must be appointed by his/her Society President, shall serve a two-year appointment commencing Jan. 1, and may be re-appointed for two additional terms (maximum of six years in total). Each delegate shall have equal (one) vote on matters before the Editorial Board. Representatives unable to attend the Editorial Board Meeting can participate by teleconference or by transferring their voting privilege to another member of the Editorial Board, provided the Chair is notified in writing of the proxy transfer 30 days prior to the meeting. The expense to participate in the meetings of the Editorial Board will be the responsibility of each individual Society.

Budget

Annually, the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the Periodical is responsible for preparing and submitting the initial budget of the Periodical to the PES VP of Publications for review. The PES VP of Publications can approve the Periodical budget provided it is breakeven or better. In the case of a deficit budget, the PES VP of Publications must receive final budget approval from the Financial Sponsor, IEEE PES.

Editor-in-Chief

The Editor in Chief, appointed by the PES VP of Publications, shall be an acknowledged leader in the field of interest of the Periodical. He/she shall agree to assume the roles and responsibilities of the EIC and realize that there will be no remuneration for service to the Periodical. The period of service shall be three years and can be renewed for one additional term.

The function of the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) shall be to oversee the daily operations of the Transaction such as:

- interact with Authors
- maintain the Reviewer Database on Manuscript Central
- initiate and monitor the review process to its completion
- select Deputy EIC (if necessary) and members of the Editorial Board
- prepare updates of the EDICS of the journal for approval by the PES VP of Publications
- prepare the budget for submission to the PES VP of Publications for approval
- ensure that the Periodical follows IEEE Policy and Procedures
- create the technical content of the Periodical in accordance with the established scope and areas of interest and
- execute policies as established by the Editorial Board and approved by the PES VP of Publications

Editorial Board

The Periodical shall have an Editorial Board to insure appropriateness and quality of submitted manuscripts to the peer review process and other day-to-day matters normally within the purview of an Editorial Board of an IEEE Transactions. In addition to the financial and technical sponsors appointed Editors, the Editor-In-Chief shall select Editor(s) to serve on the Editorial Board. Editors shall have a term of two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The function of the Editorial Board shall be to review and offer guidance to the technical content of the Periodical. The function of the Editor(s) shall be to implement the policies established by the Editorial Board and EIC.

Subscriptions

All Sponsors (Financial and Technical) shall offer the Periodical to their Society members according to the rates established by the IEEE Power & Energy Society as the sole financial sponsor.

Electronic Distribution

The Periodical will continue to be included in the IEEE All Society Periodicals Package (ASPP) and its sub-packages as well as the IEEE Electronic Library/IEEEXplore. Only the IEEE Power & Energy Society may offer the periodical in their individual Society Member Digital Library. Revenue distribution of the Periodicals inclusion as part of the Society Member Library will be distributed annually to the Power & Energy Society as sole financial sponsor.

Review, Modification and Termination of Agreement

The initial period of this Agreement shall be 3 years from the date of signature of the Financial and technical sponsors and the Financial and all technical sponsors are obligated to commit to the Agreement for 3 years; the Agreement shall be automatically renewed every 3 years, with the Sponsors obligated to commit to the Agreement for the full 3 years. If a new Financial Sponsor is added during the course of the Agreement, a new Letter of Agreement will be signed by all Financial Sponsors and will be valid for the next 3 years.

In the extraordinary event that a technical sponsor wishes to withdraw from this Agreement, the financial sponsor (PES) retains all rights to the publication and will continue to publish the periodical. Notification of intent to withdraw must be made one year prior to exiting the current 3 year-term of Agreement.

As Financial Sponsors this agreement is accepted by:

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Title: IEEE PES President

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