

Distribution Grid Planning & Optimization

October 23 – 25, 2018

St. Louis, MO

What is this course about?

Distribution Grid Planning is becoming more complex as Distributed Generation and Automated Systems become part of the landscape. This course begins with a discussion of tradition planning on radial systems with bulk generation. Smart Grid systems and Distributed Energy Resources are introduced as well as integration issues. This is an accelerated course designed to address compatibility between devices and systems, essential to avoiding sunken cost of conflicting investments.

Who should attend?

Those holding technical leadership positions within a distribution electric utility, including Engineers/Technicians, System Planners, and Electric System Superintendent/Directors with responsibility for system planning and specifying equipment/systems.

Continuing Education Credits

Upon completion, attendees will receive a certificate for 18 Professional Development Hours (PDH). Pike Engineering is a licensed provider of continuing education by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers and the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. Pike Engineering Courses have never been refused as professional development hours by any State PE Board.

Tour of Fletcher-Reinhardt Headquarters.

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, is a wholesaler of electric utility equipment with distribution facilities located in St. Louis and Cedar Rapids, IA holding over \$9M of inventory from over 300 manufacturers. Fletcher-Reinhardt assembles pole-mount capacitor racks per customer specifications on site.

Fletcher-Reinhardt Service Company is a repair center for electric utility equipment including all brands of voltage regulators and controls, single and three phase reclosers and recloser controls, and capacitor controls.

Instructors Bios:

Chris Sticht is a Senior Consultant for Pike Engineering. Mr. Sticht is a specialist in utility system planning, load analysis, planning software, underground, solar and Smart Grid. Chris has extensive background in planning, design, operations, and protection. His background includes work on transmission systems, distribution systems, substations, and commercial building electrical systems. He has managed teams of engineers, designers, and electricians. His experience includes consulting, contracting, work at two power flow software companies, and at several major utilities. He holds a MSEE from the University of Washington and a BSEE from Georgia Tech.

Jerry Josken is a Senior Consultant for Pike Engineering. Jerry holds a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and a MBA from North Central College. During his 30+ year career with Eaton's Cooper Power Systems Jerry served in a variety of engineering positions. Past leadership positions include Chair of IEEE Rural Electric Power Conference (2012) and GLEMS Distribution Equipment /Controls (2013-2014). Presently, Jerry coordinates Pike Engineering Training Programs.

Course Location:

This course will be held at the offices of Fletcher-Reinhardt.

The street address is:

3105 Corporate Exchange Ct.
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Lodging:

No block of rooms have been reserved at any hotel for this seminar.

Suggested hotels:

Candlewood Suites	Holiday Inn Earth City	Holiday Inn Express
3250 Rider Trail South	3400 Rider Trail South	13735 Riverport Dr.
Earth City, MO 63045	St. Louis, MO 63045	St. Louis, MO 63043

Course Registration

The course tuition is \$1495 per person. Tuition will include course materials, refreshments, and lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday. [Click here to register on line.](#)

Hotel accommodations, transportation and other incidentals will be the student's responsibility.

Cancellations received after April 16, 2018 will receive a credit that can be used for tuition on a future Pike Engineering Course. The credit is good for one year and is transferable within the same company. In the unlikely case of course cancellation, Pike Engineering liability is limited to refund of the course registration fee only.

For additional information about this course, other Pike Engineering course offerings, or on-site pricing, please contact Jerry Josken at (919) 348-3432 or via e-mail at: jjosken@pike.com.

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Course Outline

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System Loading

- Load Diversity
 - Demand Response Systems.
- Load Forecasting and Weather Impacts
- Equipment Loading

System Losses vs. Load

- Calculating Losses
 - Power Factor
- Line Voltage Drop
- Volt/VAR Management & Options

System Reliability

- Effects of Mid Line Sectionalizing
- Effects of Tie to Adjacent Circuits
 - Effects of Reverse Power Flow

Smart Grid Characteristics

- Definition per Dept of Energy

Smart Grid Components

- Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs)

Communication for IEDs

- Mediums
- Protocols

Automated Systems

- Centralized Control
 - Self Healing Networks
 - Integrated Volt/VAR Control
- Peer to Peer Systems

Distributed Energy Resources

- Definitions
- Types of Generation
 - Inertia vs. Non-inertia Based

Distributed Generation Integration Issues

- Islanding
- Load Profile vs. Photovoltaic (PV) Output
- High Penetration of PV on Distribution Circuits
- Non-technical Issues

Justifying Capital Projects

- Engineering Economics