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Course Summaries

Design of Transmission Line Structures and Foundations
This in-depth course will provide you with the latest criteria and practical techniques used in the design of transmission line structures and foundations. Your instructors first will explain transmission design concepts and then illustrate them with design examples using traditional design methods and modern computer software. This course does not include training in how to use the PLS-CADD computer program.
Course topics include:
- Single and multiple pole structures
- Latticed steel towers
- Conductor design and behavior
- Line assessment and upgrading concepts
- Strength analysis for joint use
- Foundation design
This up-to-date course applies to the design of new transmission lines and the upgrade of existing ones.

Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training
The purpose of this course is to teach you how to use the PLS-CADD computer program. This computer lab course includes background theory and hands-on computer modeling. Lectures will present the basic concepts, and computer exercises will illustrate them. Numerous case studies will provide a range of real-life examples.
Course topics include:
- Software system overview and terrain modeling
- Conductor design and modeling
- Structures modeling by allowable spans
- Interactive line design and generation of construction documents
- Modeling existing lines, assessment, and refurbishment
- Using detailed structure models for strength verification
This course will provide you with the training you need to be more proficient with the computer software that will make you more effective on your job.

Expert Instructors
The instructors for these courses are recognized experts in their fields. They are experienced design engineers with many years of practical experience in transmission line and foundation design.

Alain Peyrot
Principal Instructor
Dr. Alain Peyrot, professor emeritus of civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, is a primary instructor and course coordinator for both of these courses. Dr. Peyrot is recognized throughout the industry as an expert in transmission line design and is one of the developers of the widely used transmission line design software program, PLS-CADD. You will benefit from Dr. Peyrot’s expert teaching abilities and his career-long experience in transmission line design.

Real-Life Examples
The concepts presented in these courses will be reinforced with case studies from the actual work history of your experienced instructors. These practical applications of engineering design techniques will assist your learning and show you how to apply the knowledge you gain in these courses to real-life problems you face on the job.
Learn How to Design New Transmission Facilities and Upgrade Existing Ones

A comprehensive design guide

At this technical course you will learn the latest criteria and practical techniques for the design of transmission line structures and their foundations. You will study various types of supporting structures, including wood, concrete, and tubular and latticed steel. You will also learn about conductor design and behavior under various operating temperatures and weather conditions. You will examine concepts for assessing and upgrading the capability of existing transmission lines. This course does not include training in how to use the PLS-CADD computer program.

Transmission capacity in short supply

Deregulation has changed the way the electric grid is being used. Power transfers have increased transmission flows and taxed the capacity of existing lines. In addition, loads have grown substantially over the last decade while few new transmission lines were built. These factors have produced a shortage of transmission capacity in many areas of the United States.

More capacity needed

New transmission lines will need to be built to meet the requirements of growing loads and operation under deregulation. Where right-of-way is at a premium and new lines cannot be built, existing lines will need to be upgraded to meet growing needs.

Learn transmission design principles

Construction of new lines and upgrading of existing ones will require comprehensive knowledge of transmission line conductors, structures, and foundations. This course will give you the knowledge you need to effectively design new lines and modify existing ones to meet the future needs of the electric transmission system.

Key Course Topics

- Design criteria and loads
- Wind, ice, and broken conductor loads
- Basic sag and slack equations
- Survey data and clearance requirements
- Spotting transmission structures
- Conductor design and behavior
- Assessing existing capability
- Structural analysis for upgrading/reconductoring
- Strength analysis for joint use
- Foundations for single poles, frames, and towers

You’ll Learn How To

- Analyze single and multiple pole structures
- Apply basic buckling equations to wood pole designs
- Model and analyze steel latticed towers
- Check structure strengths and line clearances
- Apply NESC overload factors

Benefit from Case Studies

Your instructors, experienced design engineers, will use case studies and design examples to illustrate (1) actual applications of the concepts discussed in this course and (2) the real-world design issues you may face in the field.

Bring Your Own Laptop Computer

Foundation design exercises will be computer-based. For this purpose, we ask that students bring their own laptop computers. See computer hardware requirements below. If you prefer to rent a computer, please indicate that choice on the enrollment form. Contact Program Director John Raksany (raksany@epd.engr.wisc.edu; 800-462-0876) if you have questions.

Computer Hardware Requirements

Your laptop must have Microsoft Windows 2000 or XP installed. It must also have Excel installed from Office 1997 or later, an 800 MHz or faster processor, a minimum of 256 MB of RAM, and 200 MB of available disk space. A two-button mouse is also recommended.
Who Should Attend
This course will benefit those people involved in the design and construction of transmission line structures and their foundations. This includes:

- Transmission line design engineers
- Structural engineers
- Consulting engineers
- Design and drafting technicians
- CAD technicians
- Surveyors

Experienced individuals and those recently assigned to transmission line projects will benefit from this course.

Computer Software Included with Course
The transmission design concepts presented in this course will be illustrated through design examples using the line design program PLS-CADD, developed by Power Line Systems, Inc. You will receive a CD and instructions for a free one-year license to use a subset of that program (PLS-CADD/LITE) that calculates sags, tensions, loading trees, and thermal rating of overhead conductors.

Course Instructors
**Dr. Anthony M. DiGioia Jr.** is president of DiGioia, Gray & Associates LLC and former president and chairman of GAI Consultants. Dr. DiGioia manages major projects in various areas of civil engineering, including soil mechanics, foundation engineering, and probabilistic analysis and design of transmission line structures and foundations. As an assistant professor of civil engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, he taught courses on various subjects, including soil mechanics, foundation engineering, and bridge foundation design. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department of CMU and a member of ASCE, SAME, ASTM, CIGRE and IEEE.

**Robert O. Kluge PE**, team leader-design standards at American Transmission Company and Alliant Energy (formerly Wisconsin Power and Light Co.). His experience includes numerous transmission line capacity assessment and upgrade projects. He is a member of IEEE-Power Engineering Society, Tower Poles and Conductors Committee, and an IEEE delegate to the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) O5 for Wood Poles, Laminates and Crossarms. He represents Edison Electric Institute (EEI) on the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) Subcommittee 5 on Loading and Strength.

**Dr. Alain H. Peyrot PE**, president of Power Line Systems, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, has a broad range of experience in structural engineering and design. As a professor of civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, he has taught courses on the design of steel, reinforced concrete and wood structures, finite elements and probabilistic methods, structural dynamics and optimization, wind and earthquake engineering, and design of transmission lines. Dr. Peyrot has worked as a consultant on many engineering and research problems, specializing in transmission line design and behavior. He is the author of more than 100 technical papers.

Past Attendees Say...

“This has been the best technical seminar that I have attended. The information was provided in a manner that makes it applicable to the daily engineering activities of the utility industry.”
Brandon Boone, Lead Service Planner, Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., Sumterville, FL

“The course and notebook are excellent! The notebook will be a great design reference for me in my daily job of designing transmission lines. I really liked the integration of using PLS-CADD, TOWER, etc. into the course. Very helpful and interesting.”
Michael Braithwaite, Civil Engineer, Nevada Power

“I have attended several short courses and this has been the best. Organization, presentation, and content were superb. The speakers were very effective in communicating the materials.”
Jeremy Pettus, EIT, Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, TN

“Very well taught. I really liked how Dr. Peyrot did hand calculations for analysis of a pole. We use that a lot and it was good to know we are doing it right.”
Keith Riggio, Junior Engineer, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Poughkeepsie, NY

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8:00 Welcome
John A. Raksany PE
Program Director
Department of Engineering
Professional Development
University of Wisconsin–Madison

8:15 Instruction Begins
Dr. Alain H. Peyrot

1. Design Criteria and Loads
   • Design philosophies
   • Codes and standards
   • Wind and ice loads
   • Longitudinal loads
   • Concepts of wind and weight spans

2. Behavior of Suspended Cables
   • Basic sag and slack equations
   • Ruling span concept
   • Offset clipping
   • Interaction between structures and cables

3. Loading Tree

4:30 Adjournment

Tuesday
8:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Alain H. Peyrot

4. Conductor Design and Behavior
   • Conductor types
   • Creep and permanent elongation
   • Sag-tension calculations
   • High-temperature effects
   • Current vs. temperature relationships
   • Vibration and galloping

5. Basic Structure Spotting
   • Strength considerations
   • Clearance requirements

6. Computer Analysis and Design Tools
   • PLS-CADD/LITE
   • 3-dimensional line modeling
   • Examples

4:30 Adjournment

7:00 Optional Evening Session
Advanced Computer Analysis and Design Tools
Design examples that illustrate modern computer design capabilities through use of the PLS-CADD software tool

9:00 Adjournment

Wednesday
8:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Alain H. Peyrot
Robert O. Kluge PE (Madison course only)

7. Design of Wood Poles
   • Unguyed and guyed

8. Design of Tubular Steel Poles

9. Design of Concrete Poles

10. Design of Wood H-Frames

11. Line Assessment and Upgrading Concepts
    • Assessing existing capability
    • Elevated temperature operation
    • Re-tensioning/re-sagging
    • Pole joint use issues
    • Structural analysis for upgrading/reconductoring

    Installing larger conductor on a 138 kV, double circuit steel latticed tower line

4:30 Adjournment

Thursday
8:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Alain H. Peyrot

13. Design of Steel Latticed Towers
    • Tower configurations
    • Modeling for analysis
    • Detailed design criteria
    • Examples

1:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Anthony M. DiGioia

14. Foundations
    • How to specify, analyze, and use soil investigations
    • Types of foundations

15. Foundations for Single Poles
    • Analysis and design methods
    • Examples

4:30 Adjournment

Friday
8:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Anthony M. DiGioia

16. Foundations for Frames and Towers
    • Factors influencing type of foundations
    • Analysis and design methods
    • Examples

17. Guy Anchors
3:00 Final Adjournment

Daily Schedule
The daily schedule for both courses will include morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and lunch at noon. The courses will be conducted in a smoke-free environment.

“Excellent course. This course provided information essential to anyone involved in transmission engineering and design.”
Richard Goddard, Manager, Transmission Engineering and Project Management, Portland General Electric

Hotel Room Availability in Las Vegas
Please note that hotel rooms may be scarce in Las Vegas during this January period. If you plan, or tentatively plan, to attend this course, please reserve your hotel room early and before the cut-off dates listed in the accommodations section.
Learn How to Use PLS-CADD Through Computer Exercises

The purpose of this course is to teach you how to use the PLS-CADD computer program. The course emphasizes hands-on computer modeling. Your instructor will first explain a basic transmission design concept and then demonstrate how to implement that design principle using the PLS-CADD software. Students will then execute the same design principles on their own computers. Numerous case studies will provide a range of real-life examples.

Benefit from Modern Computer Technology

Advanced software aids transmission design process

Advanced computer programs are available to aid the transmission design engineer in the structural and geometric design of electric power lines. Computer software also makes it possible to more easily produce related construction documents such as plan-and-profile drawings and material lists.

Software not always used to full potential

While computer tools are available to greatly increase the design engineer's productivity and work quality, they are often not used to their full potential. One reason is a lack of training or understanding of modern survey techniques, proper design criteria, line behavior, structural analysis, and drafting. A second reason is an ineffective integration of these new design tools.

Learn how to use integrated software

At this course you will have hands-on training on how to use advanced transmission design software that has integrated the various surveying, engineering, drafting, and material management functions. Your training will help you become proficient at using this advanced software and help you be more productive when using it in your work.

Get the Training You Need To Be More Effective on Your Job

The purpose of this course is to teach design engineers and technicians how to use the PLS-CADD computer program. Case studies will provide real-life examples. This course will provide you with the training you need to more effectively use PLS-CADD software on your job.

Special Features of This Course

- Background theory and computer exercises
- Review of basic line design concepts
- Modern integrated software
- Case studies

Hands-On Training...Limited Enrollment

Because this course features intensive hands-on computer training, we limit enrollment to 20 students. Enroll early to ensure your place in the class.

Who Should Attend

This course is intended for transmission engineers, technicians, and managers who are using or planning to use computerized line design tools. This includes:

- Transmission line design engineers
- Structural engineers
- Consulting engineers
- Design and drafting technicians
- CAD technicians
- Surveyors

Computer Software Used in This Course

The computerized design tool capabilities presented in this course will be illustrated through design examples using the programs PLS-CADD, PLS-POLE and TOWER, developed by Power Line Systems, Inc. These programs and classroom example files will be installed on each classroom computer for students to use during class.

Bring Your Own Laptop Computer

We ask that students bring their own laptop computers for these courses. See computer hardware requirements below. If you prefer to rent a computer, please indicate that choice on the enrollment form. Contact Program Director John Raksany (raksany@epd.engr.wisc.edu; 800-462-0876) if you have questions.

Computer Hardware Requirements

If you are already a PLS-CADD user, please bring a laptop on which you have previously run the PLS-CADD software. Your laptop must have Microsoft Windows 2000, XP or Vista installed. It must also have a 1 GHz or faster processor, a minimum of 512 MB of RAM, 200 MB of available disk space, and an available USB port for hardware key connection. A two-button mouse is also recommended. If you have not previously installed PLS software on your computer, you must have administrative rights on your computer so that the hardware key drivers can be installed.

“I really liked the intermingled combination of hands-on computer work, illustrations of practical situations, and understandable explanations of the associated physics. Excellent course, I learned a lot!”

Mark Hiple, Supervising Engineer, Ameren IP
Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training

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Course Instructor

Otto J. Lynch PE, vice president of Power Line Systems, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, is responsible for the technical sales and development of overhead line software. He is an expert in the PLS-CADD computer program and has conducted numerous seminars and training sessions in its use and applications. A pioneer in integrating LiDAR aerial survey data into the PLS-CADD program for transmission line rerating and reconductoring projects, Mr. Lynch is an expert in all the computer programs used throughout the course.

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University of Wisconsin–Madison
8:15 Instruction Begins
1. Overview and Terrain Modeling
   - PLS-CADD system overview
   - Presentation of projects
   - How to organize project files
   - View commands, opening of windows, viewing of phases and sags
   - Needed terrain data and surveying techniques
   - Prepare a terrain model
   - Generate and edit feature codes data
   - Import/generate and edit terrain files: XYZ or PFL models
   - Digitize existing drawings
1.1 LiDAR Aerial Surveying
   - How to use 3-dimensional survey data
   - Building design models from LiDAR data
   - Identifying clearance limits and potential for clearance upgrades
5:00 Adjournment

Tuesday
8:00 Instruction Continues
2. Conductor Design and Modeling
   - Various conductor types
   - Conductor properties: advantages and disadvantages
   - Permanent deformation from overloading and creep
   - Effects of high temperature on creep and strength reduction
   - Conductor models in PLS-CADD
   - Stress-strain charts
   - Where to get conductor data
   - Aeolian vibrations: how to limit
   - Temperature vs. ampacity
   - Line thermal rating
3. Design Criteria
   - Weather data
   - Wind and ice loads: gust response factors, etc.
   - Conductor limits of use
   - Conditions for automatic sagging
   - Structure loads and safety factors
   - Conditions for checking clearances
   - PLS-CADD/LITE: simplified PLS-CADD module
   - Quick sag/tension calculations
   - Various sagging methods
   - Create load files for TOWER and PLS-POLE
5:00 Adjournment

Wednesday
8:00 Instruction Continues
4. Structures Modeling by Allowable Spans
   - Available structure models
   - Allowable spans method
   - Full analysis method
   - Material lists, parts lists
   - Create and edit allowable span structures
5. Interactive Line Design
   - Spot structures interactively
   - String and sag conductors: demonstrate four sagging methods
   - Check clearances: vertical, between phases, galloping, etc.
   - Check overall design efficiency
6. Generate Construction Documents
   - Plan-and-profile sheets, staking lists, stringing charts, offset clipping, etc.
5:00 Adjournment

Thursday
8:00 Instruction Continues
7. Modeling of Poles and Frames by Analysis
   - Overview of structure programs; PLS-POLE
   - Create and edit wood, steel and concrete poles/frames
   - Determining allowable spans of existing structure designs
8. Modeling Existing Lines, Assessment and Refurbishing
   - Modeling existing lines and structures
   - Assessment, reconductoring, refurbishing, etc.
   - Joint use issues and modeling
   - Links to SAPS
   - Limits of validity of ruling span concept
   - Unbalanced ice, RSL after broken conductor, marker balls, structure deflection, etc.
5:00 Adjournment

Friday
8:00 Instruction Continues
9. Automatic Optimum Spotting
   - Theory and examples
10. Checking Detailed Tower Models
   - Brief overview of TOWER program capabilities
   - Linkage between PLS-CADD and TOWER
   - Checking and modifying older tower designs
3:00 Final Adjournment

“I thought that the class and content were wonderful. Otto Lynch did a great job teaching this course!”
Scott Higley, Engineering Technician, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield, OR

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## General Information

### Fees


### Cancellation
October 8–12, 2007 and January 14–18, 2008 Courses: If you cannot attend, please notify us at least 7 days prior to the first day of the course, and we will refund your fee. Cancellations received after this date and no-shows are subject to a $150 administrative fee. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the course starts.

October 15–19, 2007 and January 21–25, 2008 PLS-CADD Courses: These limited enrollment courses require fee payment at time of enrollment. If you cannot attend, please notify us at least 7 days prior to the first day of the course, and we will refund your fee. Cancellations received after this date and no-shows will be charged the full course fee. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the course starts.

### Location
October 8–12, 2007 and October 15–19, 2007 Courses: The Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. If you must be contacted during the course, phone messages may be left for you at 608-262-1122.

January 14–18, 2008 and January 21–25, 2008 Courses: The Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada. If you must be contacted during the course, phone messages may be left for you at 702-734-5110.

### Accommodations
October 8–12, 2007 Course: We have reserved a block of rooms for course participants ($104 sgl/$119 db) at the Campus Inn, 601 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. To reserve a room, call the Campus Inn at 800-589-6285 or 608-257-4391 by September 1 and mention this course and group code 50829.

October 15–19, 2007 PLS-CADD Course: We have reserved a block of rooms for course participants ($104 sgl/$119 db) at the Campus Inn, 601 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. To reserve a room, call the Campus Inn at 800-589-6285 or 608-257-4391 by September 1 and mention this course and group code 50830.

January 14–18, 2008 Course: We have reserved a block of rooms for course participants at the Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada. To reserve a room ($109 sgl/dbl), call the Riviera Hotel and Casino by December 26 at 800-634-6753 in the continental U.S. or 702-794-9412 direct and request the group rate ID: University of Wisconsin–Madison. Room requests made after December 26 will be subject to availability and at prevailing rates.

January 21–25, 2008 PLS-CADD Course: We have reserved a block of rooms for course participants at the Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada. To reserve a room ($109 sgl/dbl), call the Riviera Hotel and Casino by January 2 at 800-634-6753 in the continental U.S. or 702-794-9412 direct and request the group rate ID: University of Wisconsin–Madison. Room requests made after January 2 will be subject to availability and at prevailing rates.

### Earn Continuing Education Credit
By participating in one of these courses, you will earn 3.4 Continuing Education Units (CEU) or 34 Professional Development Hours (PDH).

## Four Easy Ways to Enroll

### Course 1 Information

Please enroll me in Design of Transmission Line Structures and Foundations

- **Course #J055** October 8–12, 2007 in Madison, WI Fee (by September 10): $1795
  - Fee (after September 10): $1895  **Save $100! Enroll by September 10**
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $250 weekly fee

- **Course #J677** January 14–18, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV Fee (by December 17): $1895
  - Fee (after December 18): $1995  **Save $100! Enroll by December 17**
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $300 weekly fee

- **Bill my company**  
- **P.O. or check enclosed**

Cardholder’s Name ___________________________ Card No. ___________________________ Expiration ______

### Course 2 Information

Please enroll me in Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training

- **Course #J367** October 15–19, 2007 in Madison, WI (Enrollment limited to 20: fee payment required at time of enrollment; *see cancellation policy for this course) Fee (by September 17): $1995  Fee (after September 17): $2095  **Save $100! Enroll by September 17**
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $250 weekly fee

- **Course #J678** January 21–25, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV (Enrollment limited to 20: fee payment required at time of enrollment; *see cancellation policy for this course) Fee (by December 24): $1995  Fee (after December 24): $2095  **Save $100! Enroll by December 24**
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $300 weekly fee

- **Bill my company**  
- **P.O. or check enclosed**

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## Need to Know More?
Call toll free 800-462-0876 and ask for

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