Design of Transmission Lines, Structures, and Foundations

February 23–27, 2015
Orlando, Florida

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Madison, Wisconsin

- Gain a solid understanding of transmission line design and behavior
- Learn how to design new transmission lines and upgrade existing ones

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February 16–20, 2015
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- Learn how to use advanced integrated software to expedite your design and upgrade projects
- Practice using transmission line design software at your own computer

Please share this brochure with colleagues who may benefit from attending this course.
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Two important courses for transmission line design engineers, structural engineers, consulting engineers, design and drafting technicians, and others needing a thorough understanding of the engineering principles of transmission line design and behavior.

**Course Summaries**

**Design of Transmission Lines, Structures, and Foundations**

This in-depth course will provide you with the latest criteria and practical techniques used in the design of transmission lines, 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.

Earn 34 Professional Development Hours (PDH) or 3.4 Continuing Education Units (CEU).

**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.

Earn 32 Professional Development Hours (PDH) or 3.2 Continuing Education Units (CEU).

**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. See inside for full instructor biographies for each course.

**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 lines, 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
Wind farms and deregulation have 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 changing competitive markets. 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.

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.

Bring Your Own Laptop Computer

Classroom exercises in transmission line design and foundation design will be computer-based. For this purpose, we ask that students bring their own laptop computers. See computer hardware and software 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 and Software Requirements

Your laptop must have Microsoft Windows Vista, 7, or 8 (32 or 64 bit) installed. It must also have a 1 GHz or faster processor, a minimum of 512 MB of RAM, and 200 MB of available disk space. An external two-button mouse is also recommended.

You must have administrative rights on your computer so that the transmission design exercise software, PLS-CADD/LITE, and the foundation design exercise software, FAD Tools 5.0, can be installed.

A CD of PLS-CADD/LITE will be supplied at the course, along with a free six-month license to use this software. A FAD 5.0 set up file will also be available at the course, and you will receive a free 30-day license to use this software.

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

Not a Computer Software Training Course

We want to emphasize that this first course is not intended to give you advanced training on how to use the PLS-CADD transmission line design software. The companion course, Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training, will do that. This first course gives you a thorough review of all the major civil and mechanical engineering concepts and methods used in the design of transmission lines and foundations. The instructor introduces you to the classical analytical design methods and develops the force and moment equations using traditional lecture and Q & A techniques. He then uses PLS-CADD software to illustrate the concepts and design examples presented in this course.

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Benifit 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.

Course Instructors
Adam Bowland, PhD, is a staff engineer at DiGioia, Gray & Associates LLC (DGA) in Monroeville, Pennsylvania where he works with FAD Tools and PLS-CADD in the design of foundations and reinforcing modifications for transmission line structures. He earned his BS degree in civil engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 2006 and his MS and PhD degrees in structural engineering from Virginia Tech in 2007 and 2011, respectively. At Virginia Tech, Bowland focused his studies on nonlinear structural analysis and concrete damping. His current work at DGA includes the study of the effects of steel pole and foundation deflections and rotations on wire clearances and changes in longitudinal wire loads during the stringing process.

Dr. Anthony M. DiGioia Jr. is president of DiGioia, Gray & Associates LLC and former president and chairman of GAI Consultants. He 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 and Environmental Engineering Department of Carnegie Mellon University and a member of ASCE, SAME, ASTM, CIGRE, and IEEE.

Otto J. Lynch, PE, is vice president of Power Line Systems, Inc. In 1988, Lynch began his distinguished professional career in electrical substation and transmission line design and construction with Black & Veatch where he had the privilege to participate in the design and construction of numerous transmission line projects around the world ranging from 69kV to 500kV. His professional interest and passion for the innovative 3-D computer modeling software being developed by Power Line Systems, Inc. for transmission line design and structural analysis naturally led to his current position at PLSI. He is Past Chairman of the ASCE/SEI Committee of Electrical Transmission Structures and an active member of many ASCE, IEEE, and ANSI technical committees, including the ASCE 48 Steel Pole Transmission Structure’s Committee and the ASCE 10 Lattice Steel Transmission Structures Committee. He most recently served on ASCE’s Report Card for America’s Infrastructure and is currently serving on the ASCE Committee on America’s Infrastructure. He is also a current member of the National Electric Safety Code. In 2012, he was the ASCE Gene Wilhoite Innovations in Transmission Line Engineering Award Winner and was recently inducted as a Fellow to the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute.

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 six-month license to use a subset of that program (PLS-CADD/LITE) that calculates sags, tensions, loading trees, and thermal rating of overhead conductors.

The foundation design classroom exercises in this course will be worked using the foundation design software, FAD Tools 5.0. You will be able to load the FAD Tools 5.0 software on your laptop during class, and you will receive a free 30-day license to use this software. FAD Tools 5.0 is used to analyze and design direct embedded pole, drilled shaft foundations for axial, lateral, and moment loading. It is also used to analyze and design H-frame structure foundations for axial, lateral, and moment loading during uplift and compression.

Past Participants 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.

“THE COURSE AND NOTEBOOK ARE OUTSTANDING! 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

Upcoming Related Courses
Fundamentals of Substation Equipment and Control Systems
January 19–21, 2015
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
Course #P626

Principles of Substation Design and Construction
February 9–11, 2015
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
Course #P734

To learn more about these and other courses, please contact us.

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Course Outline

Monday

7:30 Registration

February 23–27, 2015
The International Palms Resort and Conference Center
6515 International Drive
Orlando, FL

November 9–13, 2015
The Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street
Madison, WI

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

8:15 Instruction Begins
Otto Lynch, PE
Vice President
Power Line Systems, Inc.

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
Otto Lynch, PE

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

Friday

8:00 Instruction Continues
Dr. Anthony M. DiGioia Jr. and Adam Bowland, PhD

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.

Past Participants Say...

"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

"I LIKED THE CLASS PROBLEMS—THEY PROVIDED IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY THE THEORY."
Richard Jinkerson, Director of Engineering, Trinity Structural Towers, Inc.

"I REALLY APPRECIATED THE HANDS-ON CLASSROOM EXERCISE OF DOING THE LINE DESIGN MANUALLY USING TEMPLATES."
Simon Pang, Structural Engineering Specialist, ATCO Electric Ltd.

"COURSE SPEAKERS ARE VERY WELL VERSED IN THE DESIGN OF TRANSMISSION LINES AND FOUNDATIONS, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD FOR ME TO REVIEW THE NUMEROUS DESIGN POINTS, ASSUMPTIONS, AND FORMULAS."
Dennis McAninch, Staff Engineer, NV Energy

ENROLL ONLINE TODAY! Or visit our Web site
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
- State-of-the-art integrated software
- Case studies

Hands-On Training... Limited Enrollment
Because this course features intensive hands-on computer training, we limit enrollment to 25 students. Enroll early to ensure your place in the class.

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 student's computer for students to use during 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, drafting, CAD technicians
- Surveyors

Past Participants Say...

"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

"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

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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 Vista, 7, or 8 (32 or 64 bit) 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. An external 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.

Detailed computer hardware and software information will be e-mailed to you several weeks before the course starts.
Course Instructor
Otto J. Lynch, PE, is vice president of Power Line Systems, Inc. In 1988, Lynch began his distinguished professional career in electrical substation and transmission line design and construction with Black & Veatch where he had the privilege to participate in the design and construction of numerous transmission line projects around the world ranging from 69kV to 500kV. His professional interest and passion for the innovative 3-D computer modeling software being developed by Power Line Systems, Inc. for transmission line design and structural analysis naturally led to his current position at PLSI. He is Past Chairman of the ASCE/SEI Committee of Electrical Transmission Structures and an active member of many ASCE, IEEE, and ANSI technical committees, including the ASCE 48 Steel Pole Transmission Structure's Committee and the ASCE 10 Lattice Steel Transmission Structures Committee. He most recently served on ASCE's Report Card for America's Infrastructure and is currently serving on the ASCE Committee on America's Infrastructure. He is also a current member of the National Electric Safety Code. In 2012, he was the ASCE Gene Wilhoite Innovations in Transmission Line Engineering Award Winner and was recently inducted as a Fellow to the ASCE Structural Engineering Institute.

Course Outline

Monday
7:30  Registration
February 16–20, 2015
Both courses will be held at:
Holiday Inn–In the Walt Disney World Resort
1805 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, FL
8:00  Welcome
John A. Rakansy, PE
Program Director
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
   • 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
   • Check clearances: vertical, between phases, galloping, etc.
   • Check overall design efficiency
   • Conductor properties: advantages and disadvantages
   • Various conductor types
   • 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

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
   • Checking detailed tower models
   • Linkage between PLS-CADD and TOWER
   • 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
12:00  Final Adjournment

Hotel Room Availability in Orlando, Florida

Please note that hotel rooms may be scarce in the Orlando area during this course 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.

Note: The hotel room blocks are for the convenience of those wishing to stay at the conference hotel. It is not necessary to stay at this hotel to attend the course.
Four Easy Ways to Enroll

Course 1 Information

- Please enroll me in **Design of Transmission Lines, Structures, and Foundations**
  - Course #P679 February 23–27, 2015 in Orlando, Florida Fee: $2095
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $300 weekly fee

- Please enroll me in **Design of Transmission Lines, Structures, and Foundations**
  - Course #P735 November 9–13, 2015 in Madison, Wisconsin Fee: $2095
  - 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 (Payable in U.S. funds to UW – Madison)

Cardholder’s Name

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Course 2 Information

- Please enroll me in **Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training**
  - Course #P628 February 16–20, 2015 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida Fee: $2095
  - Enrollment limited to 25; fee payment required at time of enrollment; see cancellation policy* for this course
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $300 weekly fee

- Please enroll me in **Computerized Transmission Line Design: PLS-CADD Hands-On Training**
  - Course #P629 December 7–11, 2015 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida Fee: $2095
  - Enrollment limited to 25; fee payment required at time of enrollment; see cancellation policy* for this course
  - I will bring my own laptop computer
  - I want to rent a computer for a $300 weekly fee

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- City/State/Zip ________________________
- Phone (_______) Fax (_______)
- E-mail ________________________

* Please check the box if you are a person with a disability and desire special accommodations. A customer service representative will contact you. Requests will be kept confidential.

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