Join us at PSERC’s 2011 Summer Planning Workshop! It offers a stimulating and productive time for discussions on research and education issues, and for developing new research and education initiatives. Meetings in PSERC’s three stem research areas (Markets, Systems, and T&D Technologies) engage attendees in conversations on PSERC’s 2011 proposal solicitation, research plans, and specific project ideas. There will also be a day of planning for the Future Grid Initiative. Face-to-face conversations promote a better understanding of the university and business environments in which PSERC’s “collaboratory” works, and facilitate interpersonal communications that help the collaboration grow. Industry attendees and researchers are also encouraged to meet informally to discuss potential research proposals.

The workshop’s objectives are to:
- Discuss current research and update stem research plans
- Generate ideas for future research projects
- Complete drafting the proposal solicitation for new projects beginning in 2011
- Address PSERC planning, management and policy issues
- Conduct planning for the Future Grid Initiative supported by DOE.

Participants include PSERC’s industry and university members, and invited guests. Workshop attire is casual.

**Workshop Agenda**

**Monday, July 11**

1:00-5:00 p.m.  Executive Committee Meeting (university site directors only)

7:30 - 9:00  Light reception for attendees and their guests

**Tuesday, July 12**

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.  Continental breakfast for workshop registrants

8:00 - 9:45  Special Topic Session (TBA)

9:45 - 10:15  Break

10:15 - 12:00  Special Topics

- BPA’s operational experience with increased penetration of wind generation
  Bart McManus, Bonneville Power Authority

- NERC’s Frequency Response Initiative
  Bob Cummings, North American Reliability Corp.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  Workshop group lunch for registrants

1:00 - 5:00  Markets Stem Committee Working Session

7:00 - 9:00  Workshop group dinner for registrants and their guests
Wednesday, July 13
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast for registrants
8:00 - 12:00 T&D Stem Committee Working Session
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - on your own
1:30 - 5:30 Systems Stem Committee Working Session
Evening Dinner - on your own

Thursday, July 14
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Registrants
8:00 - 8:30 Planning for the Future Grid Initiative: Objectives for the Day* - Vijay Vittal
8:30 - 10:30 Thrust and Broad Analysis Area Breakout Sessions*
10:30 - 12:30 Reporting from Breakout Sessions*
12:30 - 1:30 Working Lunch with Open Discussion*
1:30 - 3:00 Open Discussion Continues*
3:00 Workshop Adjourns
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thrust and Broad Analysis Leader Meeting

* The sessions on July 14 are open to all attendees.

Accommodations
Make your Room Reservation by June 10

The Workshop will be held at the Scamania Lodge, 1131 SW Skamana Lodge Way, Stevenson, WA 98648. The PSERC group rate is $159 per day for the Forest View Guestrooms. To make your registration, call toll free at 1-800-221-7117. The room block is under the name “Power Systems Engineering Research Center.” There is a daily resort fee of $14 per room which includes unlimited free local calls; 24 hour access to Technology Room; wireless high-speed internet in guestrooms, Gorge Room, Cascade Dining Room and River Rock Lounge; access to three scenic hiking trails, family putting green, health club, pool and outdoor hot tub; tennis and basketball court time; bike rentals; coffee in the main lobby; and USA Today (Monday - Friday).

Skamania Lodge is nestled in the midst of a year-round recreational area, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Enjoy a leisurely cruise aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler, explore a local museum, enjoy local wine tasting, discover the interpretive sites of Lewis and Clark, view the spring wildflowers or take a drive along the Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway and explore the many waterfalls, including the spectacular Multnomah Falls. For the outdoor enthusiast, the area offers hiking, climbing, biking, whitewater rafting, windsurfing, and kayaking. One hour from Skamania Lodge is Mt. Hood, Oregon's tallest mountain at 11,235 feet. View the lodge’s webcam. July daytime high temperatures average 83° F, with nighttime lows averaging 57° F.
Transportation

Approximate Driving Times to Skamania Lodge from:
Downtown Portland, Oregon — 45 Minutes
Portland International Airport — 45 Minutes
Hood River, Oregon — 35 Minutes
Seattle, Washington — 3.5 Hours
Boise, Idaho — 7 Hours

Click here for directions

Registration

(Early bird registration fee of $375 until June 21!)

The early-bird registration fee is $375. This fee applies until June 21. After June 21, the registration fee rises to $450. This includes the cost of materials, refreshments, and scheduled meals. There is no additional charge for your companion and immediate family members. If you are bringing guest(s) other than your companion and/or immediate family members, there will be an extra charge for other guests depending upon the events they attend. Contact us for more information on other guest(s) fees.

Online registration is available. Attire for the meeting is business casual.

More information

For logistical questions and requests, and general questions about registration, contact Theresa Herr at 480-965-1643 or pserc@asu.edu. For information about the meeting agenda or PSERC, contact Dennis Ray, Deputy Director of PSERC, at 608-265-3808 or djray@engr.wisc.edu