

## **Committee Objective**

Promote the exchange of Health and Safety information among electric utilities to increase effectiveness of safety performance, rules, tools and overall safety culture of the companies. Member utilities identify best practices through presentations, round table discussions, and data sharing at EUCG workshops. Current electric utility health and safety practices are discussed for identification of performance improvements and best practices. Additionally, member utilities develop health and safety products or services to meet the needs of the member utilities. The committee works to integrate with other EUCG committees bringing timely topics to other forums.

## **Background**

The few existing forums for Health and Safety exchange of information provide limited opportunity for real-time data sharing and best practice identification. Existing EUCG committees recognize need for health and safety best practice sharing. Creating the Health and Safety forum enables joint committee/Health and Safety presentations and best practice discussions at EUCG meetings.

## **Committee Benefits**

The EUCG H&S Productivity Committee will provide the following opportunities:

Share quality **best practices**:

Identify top performers that show opportunity for improvement in both individual business units and Health and Safety program areas.

Provide forums for top performers to share best practices and lessons learned.

Leverage the EUCG Inc. to **minimize** overall **costs**.

Future Health and Safety benchmarking:

Develop appropriate performance metrics for data exchange.

Develop and own the methodology, data, and analyses.

Engage an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party to administer data collection and a data management system.

Exchange relative S&H benchmark metrics.

## **Expected Deliverables**

Industry best practices

Real-time data exchange

Ad-hoc surveys

Conferences and Symposiums

**Implementation Plan**

1. Confirm EUCG member interest \_\_\_\_\_ complete
2. Explore H&S Committee feasibility \_\_\_\_\_ complete 10/08
3. Develop EUCG committee draft charter \_\_\_\_\_ complete 07/09
4. Host initial EUCG S&H forum \_\_\_\_\_ complete 03/09
5. Present EUCG H&S Committee to EUCG Board \_\_\_\_\_ complete 07/09
6. Present charter to new and prospective members \_\_\_\_\_ complete 10/09
7. EUCG Fall Conference, San Diego \_\_\_\_\_ complete 10/4-7/09
8. Develop and implement ad-hoc survey \_\_\_\_\_ 02/28/09

**Cost**

The H&S Committee is funded by annual member fees for back-office support and committee direct costs.

The back-office costs are currently \$1100 per committee member-company and include: administrative, conferences services, legal, and accounting services.

The committee direct costs will be determined by the Committee and typically will include: database management services, ad hoc research, meeting coordination services, management symposiums, etc. The Committee fee is calculated by dividing the total committee direct costs by the number of members.

Each participant in the EUCG Inc. semi-annual conferences pays a conference fee at approximately \$875 per conference. This fee typically includes meals and conference materials.

**Membership**

Utility membership in the H&S Committee shall follow the EUCG Bylaws. These bylaws include membership requirements and association leadership responsibilities. The EUCG Bylaws are accessible in the members' area of the EUCG website at [www.eucg.org](http://www.eucg.org) or may be obtained from Pat Kovalesky, Executive Director, at [eucgexec@cox.net](mailto:eucgexec@cox.net).