

Growing PES.....

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This year we celebrated 125 years of Power Engineering. If you stand back and think about the beginnings in 1884 and now 2009, all you say is WOW! What an extraordinary century and a quarter. Men like Edison, Westinghouse, Tesla, Bell, and many others set the world on a course unparalleled in history. So what will we be writing about 125 years from now? Only our imagination can take us there. Energy has been and will always be the economy of the world. Our world faces many challenges. Global warming; a finite source of fossil fuels; renewable energies; smart grid; and more. For the world to be a better place for generations to come, engineers must be leaders.

The Power & Energy Society membership is 22,000+ strong. Power engineers are represented in 10 Regions through out the world. In Canada and the US, we have seven Regions. Region 5 is made up from the Central US states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Louisiana, and parts of New Mexico, Wyoming, and South Dakota. There are presently 19 PES Chapters in Region 5.

Existing PES Chapters – Region 5 South

Texas

Austin
San Antonio
Houston
Panhandle
Galveston Bay
South Plains
Ft Worth
Corpus Christi
Dallas

New Mexico

Louisiana

New Orleans
Lafayette

Existing PES Chapters – Region 5 North

Colorado

Denver
Pikes Peak

Kansas

Wichita

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City
Tulsa

Missouri

Saint Louis
Kansas City

Arkansas

Little Rock

Mike Noth, P.E. (South) and Dr. Badrul Chowdry (North) presently serve as Chapter Representatives for Region 5. Together, with myself, we are working on a 5-year plan to start over 19 new PES Chapters. Many cities that have the capacity to support PES Chapters have merely been overlooked. It's time to begin our new work. Cities like College Station, Abilene, and El Paso Texas need a PES Chapter. Are there cities in Oklahoma, Colorado, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Kansas that can support a new PES Chapter? Absolutely! We plan to enlist partners within the local utilities, universities, and consulting engineering communities to take the steps necessary to promote the best of power engineering. With an aggressive plan, there is no reason we cannot substantially increase the PES membership in these cities and states. Starting a new PES Chapter takes dedicated leadership. A regularly scheduled monthly meeting; a convenient meeting place; a good technical presentation, and maybe a good meal are all it takes to get things going.



Proposed New PES Chapters – Region 5 South

Texas
Arlington
Brownsville
Abilene
College Station
El Paso

New Mexico
Albuquerque
Santa Fe

Louisiana
Monroe
Lake Charles

Proposed New PES Chapters – Region 5 North

Colorado
Fort Collins
Pueblo

Kansas
Topeka
Lawrence

Oklahoma
Norman
Lawton

Missouri
Springfield
Independence

Arkansas
Fayetteville
Ft Smith

Are there other cities in Region 5 that can support a new a PES Chapter? Absolutely!
Are there other cities in Regions 1-10 that can support a new a PES Chapter?
Absolutely! Maybe the next Edison is in College Station, Texas. If we do not have a
plan, 2134 AD will be here soon enough.