

Dear ISGT NA 2022 Participants,

I am writing with exciting news regarding ISGT NA 2022. The PES and Conference leadership have decided to co-locate this year's conference at the award-winning, and largest conference in the PES portfolio, the T&D Conference and Exposition! This change is in response to the ongoing surge of infections from the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and concerns many of you have expressed regarding safety of travel, conference attendance and travel restrictions. Our goal is to be abundantly cautious and allow additional time for travel restrictions and concerns to lessen.

ISGT NA 2022 will now take place from April 24 – 28, 2022 in New Orleans, LA at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The ISGT organizing committee is working closely with our PES T&D counterparts to coordinate the two events. We will maintain a separate ISGT identity with space specifically dedicated to the ISGT conference. We will have a separate registration and are happy to tell you that ISGT attendees will also be able to participate in the PES T&D conferences and exhibition space. Your ISGT registration will provide you access to both conferences at no additional charge. When so many things are being taken away, we are pleased to give something more to our valued ISGT NA attendees.

With this change, there are several benefits to ISGT attendees that are noteworthy:

- Though ISGT NA will have physically separate meeting space from T&D; the ISGT NA registered attendees will have full access to the T&D Exhibition floor and other T&D events with no additional charge. Likewise, T&D registered attendees will have full access to ISGT NA.
- The registration fees for ISGT NA are being reduced to match the T&D conference where they are higher and remain unchanged where they are lower. Those who have already registered at the higher ISGT NA rate will receive a refund for the difference.
- There will be expanded networking opportunities for ISGT attendees through joint receptions with the T&D meeting.
- This is a huge opportunity for the ISGT attendees to also attend T&D technical sessions and take advantage of the excellent technical program that the local utility, Entergy, has put together.

We are still working on the details of co-locating ISGT with IEEE T&D in April in New Orleans. Please bear with the ISGT NA organizing committee as we work out the details in coordination with our IEEE T&D counterparts.

Best regards,

Ron Melton

ISGT NA 2022 Conference Chair