

Make your choice

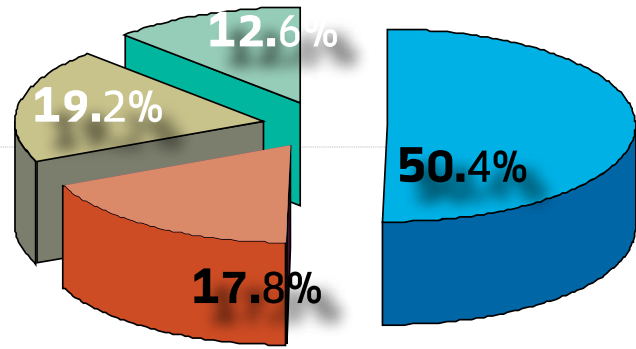
With two issues of PAC World already on your desk and the rich content you can find on the web site I guess you realize that we are trying to provide you with a wide range of information that will keep you up to date on what is going on in our industry.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, we had on the PAC World web site a simple question:

Do you, or your company plan on purchasing IEC 61850 equipment?

We offered you to answer by selecting one of the four available options:

- *In next 6 months: 50.4%*
- *In 1 to 2 years: 17.8%*
- *Unsure: 19.2%*
- *No idea what IEC 61850 is: 12.6%*



Poll Results: Do you, or your company plan on purchasing IEC 61850 equipment?

The results from this non-scientific poll are shown in the chart to the right. Looking at the results made me think and ask myself this question:

Why from the thousands of people that visited the web site during that time less than two hundred decided to click on one of the choices?

I do not know the answer to this question. But I think that it is important to all of us to know the state of our industry, to know what our colleagues think. This will make each of us think as well, and maybe look for a better solution.

Now we have changed the question on the web site. It is a simple, but very interesting question related to the main subject of this issue-

transmission line protection:

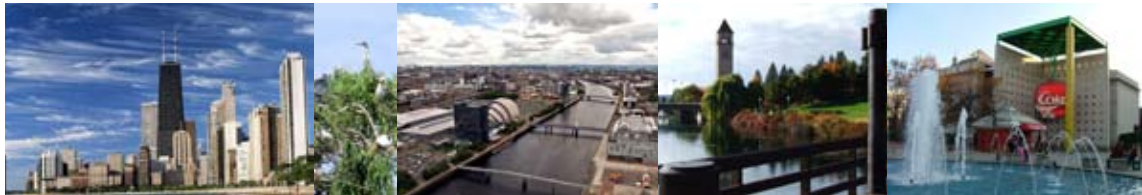
What type redundant relays do you use for transmission line protection?

The answers that you can choose from are:

- Same type from different manufacturers,
- Same type from same manufacturer,
- Different type from same manufacturer,
- Different type from different manufacturer.

Please take a minute, go to the web site page, and click on your choice.

— Alex Apostolov



■ Power System Conference
11-14 March, 2008
Clemson, South Carolina, USA
<http://www.ces.clemson.edu/powsys2008/>

■ Texas A&M Conference for Protective Relay Engineers
March 31-April 3, 2008
College Station, Texas, USA
<http://engineer.tamu.edu/prorelay/>

■ Africa Power & Electricity Conference and Exhibition
14 - 18 April, 2008
Johannesburg, South Africa
<http://www.terrapinn.com/2008/powerza/>

■ IEEE-PES Transmission & Distribution Conference and Exposition
21-24 April, 2008
Chicago, Illinois, USA
<http://www.ieeet-d.org/>

■ Georgia Tech Protective Relay Conference
May 21-23, 2008
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

■ Developments in Power System Protection Conference
17 - 20 March, 2008
Glasgow, UK
<http://conferences.theiet.org/dpsp/>

■ Western Power Delivery Automation Conference
6 - 10 April, 2008
Spokane, WA, USA
<http://capps.wsu.edu/conferences/wpdac/>

■ Hannover Messe
21 - 25 April, 2008
Hannover, Germany
http://www.hannovermesse.de/homepage_e

■ Georgia Tech Fault & Disturbance Analysis Conference
May 19-20, 2008
Atlanta, Georgia, USA