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Forum Network Technology/Network Operation
in the VDE (FNN)
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FNN - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We hereby apply for membership in the sponsor group of the FNN. We are active as:

Network operator Integrated company Network service Industry/manufacturer Scientific institution Service provider Public authority Association

(Please mark those that apply) Additional information about the FNN and membership is located on the back side.

Contact information

Company address:

Company _____ Area _____

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Contact person: Mr. Ms.

Last name _____ First name _____ Professional title/academic title _____

Function _____

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For network operators (NO), the extent of voting rights will be determined according to the circuit lengths (see back side):

We operate the following circuit lengths:

Low voltage (< 6kV) km, which includes cable of km Medium voltage (≥ 6 kV und ≤ 60 kV) km, which includes cable of km

High voltage (> 60 kV bis < 220 kV) km, which includes cable of km Ultra-high voltage (≥ 220 kV) km, which includes cable of km

In addition to the voting rights that correspond to the circuit length, we hereby acquire voting rights.

For non-network operators:

We hereby acquire voting rights.

Please send FNN news and access details for the member's only area to the e-mail address specified above.

Place: _____ Date: _____ Signature and Stamp: _____

I understand that the information specified here will be processed in the VDE for purposes in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FNN, and that this will be accomplished with the help of electronic data processing.

Information about membership in the Forum Network Technology/Network Operation in the VDE

Who can be a member?

According to the rules and regulations of the FNN, members of the sponsor group can be companies, organizations, and public authorities that have a particular interest in promoting network technology and network operation for electricity power supply.

What is the Forum Network Technology/Network Operation?

The Forum Network Technology/Network Operation (FNN) is a committee of the VDE pursuant to Art.12 of the VDE Articles of Association. Within the forum there are 15 members who are in charge of preparing and issuing documents, especially the VDE application guides. The steering committees and project groups support these members in this regard. The topic-related work is carried out in a time-tested manner in project groups and expert networks. The full-time, paid office staff supports the ongoing projects, helps create documents, and also answers questions from the members and the general public.

Responsibilities and objectives of the FNN in the VDE:

- ▶ Adequate technical safety and power supply quality
- ▶ Accelerated introduction of innovative technologies through coordinated development and supported introduction
- ▶ Compilation of knowledge, expectations, and the experiences of all relevant expert groups as well as consensus building
- ▶ Support of the German and European regulations
- ▶ Planning certainty through generally recognized VDE application guides
- ▶ Creates basis for standardized evaluation
- ▶ Support and further development of the technical self-management
- ▶ Practically-relevant optimization in the network operation

How much does membership cost?

The membership fee is set by the sponsor group, and, for the year 2011, amounts to EUR 900 per voting right. Each member has at least one voting right.

For network operators, the extent of voting rights is based on the weighted circuit length of their network. For each additional 2,500 km of weighted circuit length, the extent of voting rights increases by another vote. The following weighting factors apply:

Low voltage	(< 6kV)	factor of 1
Medium voltage	(≥ 6 kV and ≤ 60 kV)	factor of 1.6
High voltage	(> 60 kV to < 220 kV)	factor of 5
Ultra-high voltage	(≥ 220 kV)	factor of 8

Network service companies do not pay fees based on the circuit lengths as long as they are servicing these lines for a network operator that is also a member of the sponsor group.

Network operators or network service companies that voluntarily pay a higher annual fee are given additional voting rights.

The annual fee for non-power network operators is based on acquired voting rights.

A sponsor can acquire a maximum of 10% of the voting rights.

The FNN fees are independent from the VDE membership fees and other VDE fees.

Advantages of membership

- ▶ Regular FNN membership information with a summary of the FNN activities
- ▶ Access to the member's only area with structured information about FNN topics and documents
- ▶ Receiving FNN documents free of charge or at a significantly reduced price (does not apply to VDE application guides)
- ▶ Reduced rate to participate in FNN events

Free FNN newsletter

The FNN newsletter provides information via e-mail about new postings or documents in the FNN intranet.

To sign up for the newsletter, go to www.vde.com/de/fnn/newsletter/Seiten/fnn-newsletter.aspx or go to www.vde.com/fnn → newsletter

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