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Use of synchrophasor technology in the electric power industry is rapidly growing, moving from research and pilot projects into system-wide production level deployment. Accordingly, a practical guide for installing and testing phasor measurement units (PMUs) is expected to be very beneficial to field practitioners, sharing and leveraging the early experience that the pioneers in this area have accumulated. This document was developed by IEEE PES Power System Relaying Committee to guide and educate various professionals interested in deploying PMUs and using the associated synchrophasor data.

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