

iMessage Conversation - January 2026

Thomas Edison (202-555-0189), Nikola Tesla (202-555-0147), and George Westinghouse (202-555-0163)

Thomas Edison (202-555-0189) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:27 AM

Nikola, George, another article is calling AC "the future." Cute theory. Real cities use systems that work. ⚡

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George Westinghouse (202-555-0163) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:28 AM

I joined this group before the two of you turn another engineering meeting into a newspaper feud.

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Nikola Tesla (202-555-0147) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:29 AM

Define "work." My system lights cities without needing a generating station on every block.

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People like simple. DC is straightforward. Reliable. Safe.

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The Niagara commission also likes reliable. It would prefer we discuss measurements instead of adjectives.

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"Safe" is doing a lot of work in that sentence, Thomas.

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You're both just mad because investors prefer results over laboratory poetry. 🤔

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Investors prefer a power system that can reach the customers who pay them.

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Nikola Tesla (202-555-0147) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:33 AM

Funny. My ideas are still in use. Your wiring diagrams belong in a museum.

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Okay, but check this out. This built an empire.

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George Westinghouse (202-555-0163) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:35 AM

So did canals. Then the railroads arrived.

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Niagara Falls. Powered by AC. Still running. Still impressive.

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That Niagara generator hall is the point: transmission has to work beyond the building.

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You always act like you invented electricity itself.

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No. I just figured out how to send it more than a few blocks.

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George Westinghouse (202-555-0163) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:38 AM

And I figured out how to finance enough copper to prove it.

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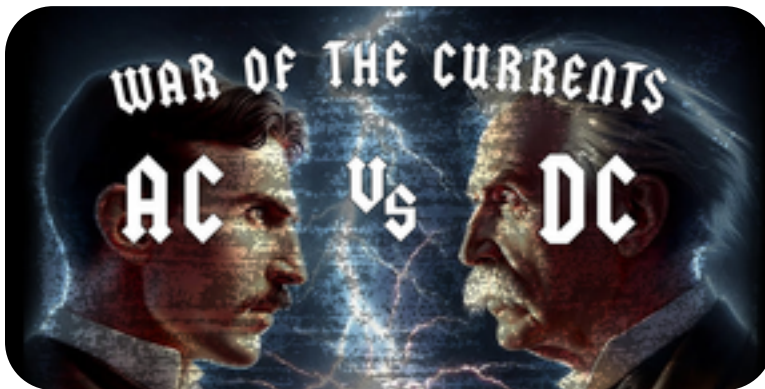


Nikola Tesla (202-555-0147) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:39 AM

Here, some light reading for you:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_of_the_Currents

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Wikipedia? Anyone can edit that.

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Thomas, none of us can edit the line-loss calculations.

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True. Yet somehow the calculations still say AC won.

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Thomas Edison (202-555-0189) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:42 AM

Let's be honest. I only pushed DC because I already invested millions in it.

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George Westinghouse (202-555-0163) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:42 AM

You might not want that sentence preserved in a searchable exhibit.

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Too late. It has a timestamp.

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What? It's called business.

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It is called a conflict of interest when you put it in the meeting minutes.

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AC in action. Still powering cities. No spin required. 🖱️

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But I still got my name on more light bulbs.

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True. I'll take the power grid.

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For the record, I attached the synthetic line-test tone from today's demonstration.

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Can we agree that the final exhibit should include the images, video, audio, and complete conversation?

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Only if the page numbers are impossible to argue about.

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Nikola Tesla (202-555-0147) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:50 AM

Bates numbers, hashes, timestamps. Even you should be satisfied.

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George Westinghouse (202-555-0163) - Jan 25, 2026 at 6:50 AM

Excellent. Then let's settle the engineering question before this becomes an actual court case.

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Now that sounds like DC thinking. 😊

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