

# Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

December 14th, 2017

ERCOT 800 Airport Drive, Taylor, Building TCC 1, Room 253/WebEx

0900-1200

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* Approval of Meeting Notes – October 2017
* Winter Storm Drill (Oct 18/19)
	+ Report at January OTWG Meeting
* Grid Ex IV Drill (Nov 15/16)
	+ Report at January OTWG Meeting
* 2018 Black Start Training
	+ Early registration begins has started and ends on December 15, 2017.
	+ All Hazards Restoration Stages Framework
	+ Black Start Primer (10 CEHs)
		- ERCOT Black Start Restoration Strategy, basic system restoration principles, and TOP & GOP fundamentals.
		- Strongly Recommended for Operators with less than 5 years, Recommended refresher for everyone
		- 10 additional CEHs / Limited availability (50)
		- **Attendance to just the Primer course will not meet NERC Standard EOP-005-2 requirements R10, R12, or R18. Black Start and Restoration Training meets these NERC Standard Requirements.**
	+ 2018 Black Start and Restoration Training Schedule
		- Pilot
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) January 8th 12 pm – 5 pm and January 9th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

January 9th 1pm to 5pm, January 10th 7am – 5pm, January 11th 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 1
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) January 29th 12 pm – 5 pm and January 30th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

January 30th 1pm to 5pm, January 31st 7am – 5pm, February 1st 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 2
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) February 5th 12 pm – 5 pm and Februatry 6th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

February 6th 1pm to 5pm, February 7th 7am – 5pm, February 8th 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 3
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) February 12th 12 pm – 5 pm and February 13th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

February 13th 1pm to 5pm, February 14th 7am – 5pm, February 15th 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 4
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) February 19th 12 pm – 5 pm and January 20th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

February 20th 1pm to 5pm, February 21st 7am – 5pm, February 22nd 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 5
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) February 26th 12 pm – 5 pm and February 27th 7am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

February 27th 1pm to 5pm, February 28th 7am – 5pm, March 1st 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Session 6
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) March 5th 12 pm – 5 pm and March 6th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

March 6th 1pm to 5pm, March 7th 7am – 5pm, March 8th 7 am – 12 pm.

* + - Inclement Weather Session
			* Generator and Transmission System Dynamics (10 CEHs) March 12th 12 pm – 5 pm and March 13th 7 am to 12 pm
			* Black Start and Restoration Course (19 CEHs)

March 13th 1pm to 5pm, March 14th 7am – 5pm, March 15th 7 am – 12 pm.

* 2018 OTS (Length 18 hours / 16 CEHs) (Changes are in Red)
	+ Theme

Generators, Markets and Transmission, Working Together to Ensure Reliability

* + Tuesday
		- 10a CEO Introduction (Bill Magness / ERCOT)
		- 11a Extreme Natural Events (1 CEH) (Kristi Hobbs / ERCOT)
	+ LUNCH
		- 1p Hurricane Harvey (3 CEH)
			* Weatherman Perspective (Chris Coleman)(50 min)
			* CenterPoint Perspective (CenterPoint)(30 min)
			* AEP Perspective (AEP)(30 min)
			* NRG Perspective (NRG)(30 min)
			* ERCOT Perspective (ERCOT Operations Management)(30 min)
		- 4p Resource Integration Impacts (1 CEH) (John Bernecker / ERCOT)
			* Identify the types of studies done prior to allowing a unit connect to include:
			* Sub Synchronous Oscillation
			* Angle and voltage stability
			* Short Circuit
			* Remedial Action Schemes
			* Identify how often studies are performed
			* Recognize Generic Transmission Constraint and the impact of a resource’s ability to connect and generate to the system.
			* Recall the process for a Resource to connect to the System.
			* Identify the tool used to track a resource’s progress to connect to the system
			* Recognize future projects and the challenges associated with them.
	+ Wednesday
		- 8a Markets and Reliability (1 CEH) (David Maggio / ERCOT)
		- 9a Grid Scale Renewables: Planning, Operations and Forecasting (1 CEH) (Nitika Mago / ERCOT)
			* Recognize Impacts of utility scale renewables on ERCOT operations
			* Identify challenges associated with forecasting wind and solar in Texas
			* Identify cause and effect triggers of the California transient voltage disturbance event
			* Identify how ERCOT is preventing a similar event from occurring here.
			* Identify the types of grid-scale solar technologies
			* Recognize Wind queue and grid-scale solar queue
			* Identify Far West Texas transmission project impacts
			* Recognize peak contribution formulas
			* Recall Lessons learned from recent eclipse.
			* Identify Potential challenges in the 2022 total eclipse path.
		- 10a Trends in Markets and Policy: Texas and Beyond (1 CEH) (Paul Wattles)
			* Recall Global renewable adoptions
			* Recognize the impacts of the declining cost of solar
			* Recognize the characteristics of Surging storage and EVs
			* Recognize the impacts of declining cost of storage
			* Recall regulatory impacts: hot and cold markets (Texas vs. CA/Hawaii/Germany)
			* Identify the differences between Net metering, PUCT metering policy, and NOIE metering
			* Compare the costs of grid-scale vs. distributed solar
			* Recall 4CP
			* Recognize Demand Response
		- 11a Distributed Energy and Demand Response (1 CEH) (Clayton Stice / ERCOT)
			* Identify Types of DERs being used in ERCOT
			* Trend toward fossil rather than renewable
			* Recognize Reporting mechanisms and gaps
			* Recognize how Mapping large DERs improve situational awareness
			* Identify reliability considerations for DER reliability
			* Identify changes to DR status report
			* List benefits and challenges associated with utility scale vs. DERs
			* Identify Impacts of DERs on the ERCOT nodal market
			* Recognize Drivers behind DER adoption
			* Environmental; backup power; $$; etc.
			* Recall Characteristics of inverter-based DER
			* Recall ERCOT DER interconnection requirements
			* Identify IEEE 1547 status and impacts
	+ LUNCH
		- 1p RUC Process (1 CEH) (Agee Springer / ERCOT)
			* Identify the differences between HRUC and DRUC
			* Identify parameters used in HRUC and DRUC configurations
			* Identify when HRUC and DRUC in deployed (approve and post results)
			* Identify the purpose of manually overriding HRUC or DRUC results
			* Identify the purpose of a Combined Cycle Suggestion Plan
		- 2p Improving Resiliency – What can be done? (1 CEH) (John Adams / ERCOT)
			* Identify types of events and lessons learned from the following events:
			* Hurricanes
			* Tornados
			* High Winds
			* Freezing Conditions
			* Wildfires
			* Physical Attacks
			* EMP
			* Cyber Attacks
			* Recognize the types of Infrastructure improvements and operational practices that are currently used and future practices that may be implemented.
		- 3p Loss of SCADA, EMS, or LCC (1 CEH) (Dave Penney / TRE, Mark Henry / TRE, Ray Manzanilla / ERCOT)
		- 4p Coordinated Voltage Control (Voltage set point control) (RPC) (1 CEH) (Stephen Solis / ERCOT)
	+ Thursday
		- 8a Human Performance Improvement (1 CEH) (Brian Legg / ERCOT)
		- 9a Physical and Cyber Security (1 CEH) (Joshua Aldridge / ERCOT)
		- 10a Australian Black Out Event (1 CEH) (Alex Lee / ERCOT)
			* Identify factors that contributed to the cause of the Australian Blackout Event
			* Identify steps of restoration that were used during this event
			* Recognize market impacts associated with the blackout event
			* Identify lessons learned from the event
		- 11a Seminar Assessment - Scantron assessment
		- 12p CLOSING and Mementos
	+ Schedule (Austin Airport Hilton)
		- Pilot – January 23rd – 25th
		- Session 1 – March 27th – 29th
		- Session 2 – April 3rd – 5th
		- Session 3 – April 10th – 12th
		- Session 4 – April 17th – 19th
		- Session 5 April 24th – 26th
		- Session 6 May 1st – 3rd
* Harvey Report
	+ TRE will be publishing a study/report on the impacts of Hurricane Harvey in December.
* 2019 Black Start and Restoration Training
	+ Pilot: February 25th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and February 26th – 28th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 1: March 18th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and March 19th – 21st (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 2: March 25th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and March 26th – 28th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 3: April 1st (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and April 2nd – 4th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 4: April 8th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and April 9th – 11th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 5: April 15th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and April 16th – 18th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Week 6: April 22nd (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and April 23rd – 25th (Black Start and Restoration Training)
	+ Inclement Weather Week: April 29th (Generation and Transmission Dynamics) and April 30th – May 2nd (Black Start and Restoration Training)
* 2019 Operator Training Seminar
	+ Pilot: August 13th – 15th
	+ Week 1: October 15th – 17th
	+ Week 2: October 22nd – 24th
	+ Week 3: October 29th – 31st
	+ Week 4: November 5th – 7th
	+ Week 5: November 12th – 14th
	+ Week 6: November 19th – 21st
* New Business
* Adjourn
* Next Meeting Dates (Information will be updated by the meeting)

Jan 11 (1 pm) Annual kickoff meeting (Black Start Pilot)

February None (Black Start Training)

March 8 (1 pm) TCC 1, Rm XXX / WebEx

April 12 (2 pm) TCC 1, Rm XXX / WebEx (after OTS Session 3)

May 9 (1 pm) TCC 1, Rm XXX Trainer Development

May 10 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 253 / WebEx

June 14 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 252 / WebEx

July 12 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 253 / WebEx

August 9 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 252 / WebEx

September 12 (1 pm) TCC 1, Rm XXX Trainer Development

September 13 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 253 / Web Ex

October 11 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 253 / WebEx

November 8 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 252 / WebEx

December 13 (9 am) TCC 1, Rm 253 / WebEx

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