

# Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

May 9, 2019

ERCOT 800 Airport Drive, Taylor, Building TCC 1, Room 252/WebEx

0900-1600

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* **Previous meeting minutes**

Motions to pass

**CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS**

* NERC Exam Working Group (EWG)
  + Hosted in St. Louis Missouri; contact Josh Aldredge if interested
* Anyone attend NERC HPI workshop (3/25-28) ?
* Texas Power Reliability Conference (7/18-19)

**OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs**

* No pertinent NOGRR’s or NPRR’s at this time
* No additional news to report

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

* ERCOT Initial Operator Training Program
  + Prepares Participants for ERCOT and NERC Certification exams
  + Piloting is underway with 10 participants
    - 100% CBT focused on 10 modules
    - ERCOT operators have a 97% passing rate
    - Should be completed by June or July, 2019
  + Contracting for official practice exams is under consideration
  + Once CBT modules completed by contractor, they will be made available to market participants (entities) to purchase
  + Waiting on update from Josh Aldridge
* ERCOT Certification Exam
  + ERCOT System Operations Training has full ownership of exam
  + Website updated with dates, times, study material, and admin forms
  + No practice test currently exists
  + Allowing non-ERCOT MP personnel to take the exam (1 active case)
  + Feedback, overall, is positive
  + Participants MUST review exam results before leaving the ERCOT site and notify the proctor to challenge
* First pass/fail analysis conducted after 25 participants
* Wait time between test/retest
* Exam available Thursday PM only during Black Start/OTS cycles
* Waiting on update from Josh Aldridge
* ERCOT Fundamentals manual
  + Need reviews of the fundamentals manual
  + Redlines to suggest changes/updates for incorrect/confusing information and more in-depth “how” where needed
  + Reviewing red-line copy from CenterPoint
* Human Performance Improvement (HPI) Task Force
  + HPITF will be a sub-group of OTWG
    - Membership ▪ Startup
  + Mark Henry (TRE) suggested HPI training should be offered to other employees beyond system operators
  + NERC has developed a new HPI training workshop
  + Waiting on update from Brian Legg
* Operator Training Seminar
  + PENDING… survey feedback
    - Theme and Topic selection
      * Split/combined classes?
    - Recommended times
      * CEHs awarded?
    - Performance simulation?
  + Volunteer instructors
    - Provide presenter biography
    - Provide topic abstract

**TRAINING EVENTS**

* 2019 Black Start and Restoration Training
  + System Restoration Pre-requisite Computer Based Training
    - Pilot data has been gathered; content is verified and good
    - Each participant will receive unique user ID
    - CBT submitted for 2 hours towards credential maintenance
    - CBT completion is REQUIRED to attend training at ERCOT
  + Training begins Tuesday 7:00; through Thursday noon
    - Pilot: February 26th – 28th
    - Week 1: March 19th – 21st
    - Week 2: March 26th – 28th
    - Week 3: April 2nd – 4th
    - Week 4: April 9th – 11th
    - Week 5: April 16th – 18th
    - Week 6: April 23rd – 25th
    - Inclement Weather Week: April 30th – May 2nd
* 2019 Operator Training Seminar
  + Training runs Tuesday 13:00-17:00; Wednesday 07:00-15:00; Thursday 07:00-12:00
    - Pilot: August 13th – 15th
    - Week 1: August 27th – 29th
    - Week 2: September 3rd – 5th
    - Week 3: September 10th – 12th
    - Week 4: September 17th – 19th
    - Week 5: September 24th – 26th
    - Week 6: October 1st – October 3rd
* 2019 Other Training
  + WSD – week 2 of cycle 6
  + GridEX – week 5 of cycle 6 (11/13 and 11/14)

**New Business**

* + Solicit new business

**Adjourn**

Next Meeting Dates (Information will be updated by the meeting)

<http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/tac/ros/otwg/>

* + April 11th (1pm) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx **CANCELLED**
  + May 9th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + June 13th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + July 18th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + August 8th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + ~~September 12~~~~th~~ ~~(9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx~~
  + October 10th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + November 7th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + December 12th (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx

**Topic Suggestions for QSE’s**

* Generator Protection
* Unannounced Resource Testing
* Wind Energy Requirements & Integration
* QSE functions & Responsibilities
* Frequency Control
* Generation Dispatch in a De-Regulated Market
* Control Performance
* Reactive Voltage Control
* Real-Time Dispatch and Reliability
* Impact to frequency control during startup & shutdown of units
* New Generation Technologies and ERCOT
* ERCOT Market Role in Emergency Operations
* Distributed Energy & Demand Response
* RUC Process
* Markets & Reliability
* Generator Weatherization
* Wind Forecast & MW Scheduling
* Wind Technologies & Capabilities
* Seasonal Planning Considerations

**Topic Suggestions for TOP’s**

* Understanding Voltage, Reactive Support & Control
* Impact of Transmission System Voltage
* Using Generation & Load to Control Frequency
* Protection Systems
* Block Load Transfers
* Load Shed Requirements
* CREZ Updates and Trends
* Basic Transmission Line Protection
* Voltage Control
* Current ERCOT RASs, RAPs and AMPs
* ERCOT DC Ties
* Congestion Management Actions
* Basic Transformer Protection
* GMD Effects on Transmission
* Responding to Post-Contingency Overloads, IROLs & SOLs
* Voltage Collapse and Sympathy Trips
* Real-Time Transmission Congestion Management & Market Effects
* TOP Operation Experience with Wind Generation
* Seasonal Planning Considerations
* Far-West Texas Project

**Topic Suggestions for Mixed Crowd’s**

* Human Performance Improvement (HPI)
* System Operator Roles in Cyber Security
* Emergency Operations in ERCOT
* ERCOT Security Plans
* CRR Fundamentals
* Coping with Shift Work
* Outage Scheduler
* Black Start Plans: Creation and Implementation
* Critical Infrastructure Protection (TRE SSRG)
* Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)
* Sabotage Reporting
* ERCOT Demand Response
* ERCOT EMS Network Applications
* Natural Gas Industry
* Design Your Screen for Situational Awareness