

# Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

March 12, 2020

WebEx

0900-1200

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Previous meeting minutes:

Motion to pass

**CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS**

* None

**OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs**

* None

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

* **Revised OTWG Scope**
  + Awaiting approval by ROS delayed until April meeting (no Subcommittee votes conducted during remote meetings), then OTWG Task Forces will become closed groups requiring NDA’s (one OTWG document will cover participation on any/all OTWG Task Forces, annual renewal required)
  + Removal of OWG relationship with OTWG
  + Spelling error
  + Once group is closed OTWG will start with open session and then transition to closed as Task Forces convene
* **NERC (CEH program, single certification, etc.)**
  + Discussions on-going between FERC and NERC. Focus of FERC is on how this change is an improvement over current practice and how it improves reliability.
  + For further detail go to NERC.com>Reliability and Technical Security Committee to see how proposed changes to combine three existing groups.
  + For SOCCED issues, continue to provide feedback and follow up. NERC is lightly staffed in this respect, so keep on top of issues you bring up.
* M. Cruz-Montez Currently serving on PER-003 Revision Drafting Team; will keep OTWG updated.
* ERCOT Certification Exam Task Force **– EOCTF**
  + Chair S. Rainwater, Vice-Chair unnamed
  + Member – James Ballard
    - ERCOT Legal closed the exam to non-ERCOT (anyone not represented by an ERCOT market participant) <http://www.ercot.com/services/training/exams>
    - 13 of 35 passed since 01/01/2019 – 69 tests taken through December 2019
      * After 2 tries, verification of responsibility?
* **Remote testing?**
  + - * + **Does OTWG favor this? Approved proctoring for LMS test? Criteria for proctoring? Cost for test Facility? PSI testing $50k/year**
* ERCOT Initial Operator Training Program
* Inhouse curriculum is ongoing
* Market Participant curriculum will be revisited upon NERCs decision re: one Certification for adjustments as necessary
* ERCOT Fundamentals manual
* Under review; Redlines to suggest changes/updates for incorrect/confusing information and more in-depth “how” where needed
* Human Performance Improvement Task Force **– HPITF**
  + Chair B. Legg, Vice-Chair M. Goulding
    - Scope Document accepted
    - TF to set terms for WG by February 2020
    - Preparing NDAs for members – ERCOT Legal review
  + Gathering data from NATF/WECC presentations – OE Reports in route
    - NERC conference (03/2019) <https://www.nerc.com/pa/rrm/hp/Pages/default.aspx>

**TRAINING EVENTS**

* Black Start and Restoration Training **– BSTTF**
  + Chair/Vice-Chair unnamed
    - 2020 BST Market Notice 12/2019 – 25 CEHs (ILT)
      * Early registration began January 13, 2020
      * Pilot: February 25-27, 2020
      * Session 1: March 17-19
      * Session 2: March 24-26
      * Session 3: March 31-April 2
      * Session 4: April 7-9
      * Session 5: April 14-16
      * Session 6: April 21-23
* A. Ballew (ERCOT Training Mgr.)
* Only QSE’s that represent BS Resources (not Next-Start Units), GO’s that operate those resources, and TO’s can participate
* NERC/TexasRE, etc. may observe, but will not be awarded NERC CEHs.
* ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar **– OTSTF**
* Chair S. Klinglesmith, Vice-Chair unnamed
  + - 2020 OTS Market Notice 06/2020 – 14+ CEHs (ILT)
      * Pilot: August 11-13, 2020
      * Session 1: August 25-27
      * Session 2: September 1-3
      * Session 3: September 8-10
      * Session 4: September 15-17
      * Session 5: September 22-24
      * Session 6: September 29-October 1
* ERCOT Severe Weather Drill (incl. @ Seminar) **– SWDTF** 
  + Chair/Vice-Chair unnamed

**New Business**

*Remember, once the OTWG revised scope is finalized as per ROS approval in April, new NDA’s will be required and the List Serve will cease.*

**Adjourn**

* Next Meeting Dates <http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/tac/ros/otwg/>
  + April 9 (9am) TCC 1, RM 253 / WebEx
  + May 14 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + June 11 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + July 9 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + August 20 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + September 10 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx (?)
  + October 8 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + November 12 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx
  + December 3 (9am) TCC 1, RM 252 / WebEx