

# Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

August 20, 2020

WebEx

0900-1100

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**O P E N S E S S I O N**

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion to pass

**CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS**

* None

**OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs**

* None

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

* **Revised OTWG Scope**
  + Approved by ROS, 7 May 2020
  + Effective immediately, OTWG meetings will begin OPEN for general business and then transition to CLOSED for the Task Force session
  + NDA’s are required to join Task Forces and participate in CLOSED sessions

(one OTWG document will cover participation on all OTWG Task Forces, annual renewal required)

**TASK FORCES & TRAINING EVENTS**

* **ERCOT Certification Exam Task Force (EOCTF) – Update** 
  + Chair S. Rainwater, Vice-Chair unnamed
  + Member – J. Ballard, D. Jackson
  + Testing
    - ERCOT Legal closed the exam to anyone not represented by an ERCOT market participant
    - Unavailable until further notice due to COVID-19 outbreak
    - EOCTF is currently working through the item bank for the exam.
  + A. Ballew: ERCOT is committed to establishing remote hosting of the exam – likely employing a vendor for hosting, administration, and testing sites.
* ERCOT Fundamentals Manual under review – ON HOLD
* ERCOT Initial Operator Training Program – STATUS?
* Inhouse curriculum is ongoing
* Market Participant curriculum will be revisited upon NERCs decision re: one Certification for adjustments as necessary
* **Human Performance Improvement Task Force (HPITF) – Update**
  + Chair B. Legg, Vice-Chair M. Goulding
  + Member – M. Cruz-Montes
  + Awaiting further members
* **Black Start and Restoration Training (BSTTF) – Update** 
  + Chair unnamed, Vice-Chair unnamed
  + Member – N. Perio
    - Pilot only; additional sessions cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak
* Only QSE’s that represent BS Resources (not Next-Start Units), GO’s that operate those Resources, and TO’s can participate
* Awaiting further members, Chair selection
* **ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar (OTSTF) – Update**
* Chair S. Klinglesmith, Vice-Chair unnamed
* Member – M. Cruz-Montes
  + 2020 OTS (Market Notice 06302020) – 8 CEHs (VILT)
    - Pilot: October 6-7, 2020
    - Online: November 2, 2020-January 4, 2021
    - OTWG survey: please participate in questionnaire regarding Technology Tools available to end-users for ERCOT virtual training
* **ERCOT Severe Weather Drill (SWDTF) – Update**
  + Chair unnamed, Vice-Chair unnamed
  + Member – N.Perio
    - ERCOT is currently evaluating whether to hold one this year or postpone until 2021
    - Awaiting further members, Chair selection

**OLD Business**

* **NERC (CEH program, single certification, etc.) – Update**
  + 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 is currently serving on PER-003 Revision Drafting Team; will keep OTWG updated

**NEW Business**

* 32-hour EOP training requirment per ERCOT Operating Guides 1.5.1
  + S. Rainwater/ERCOT: history of requirment goes back to previous version of NERC training standard. The 32 HR EOP requirement was dropped when NERC rolled out PER-005 which requires application of the SAT. NERC’s rationale was that if SAT is implemented correctly any EOP training necessary would be identified.
  + D. Penny/TRE: NERC has waived requirments due to COVID19. Can ERCOT do same utilizing recent FERC direction as to allowable deviations from standards due to pandemic as basis? David will follow up with TRE staff and report back since the 32 hr requirment is auditable.

**OTWG Task Forces**

All are in need of volunteers.

Contact T. Chilton or S. Rainwater for additional information.

**C L O S E D S E S S I O N**

**Adjourn**

* Next Meeting Dates <http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/tac/ros/otwg/>
  + September 10 (9am) WebEx
  + October 8 (9am) WebEx
  + November 12 (9am) WebEx
  + December 3 (9am) WebEx