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# Operations Training Working Group (OTWG) Minutes

April 8, 2021

WebEx

0900-1200

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

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion to pass- Rainwater; 2nd Blackshear

M. Allgeier, ERCOT Director of Critical Infrastructure Security: GRIDEX update

11-16/17; ERCOT is participating

2021 event is based upon solar wind event but particiapnts can add events on their systems as desired

5/26 is final planning meeting

5/31 materials will be complete

More info on NERC.com

**CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS**

* D. Penny announced eff. 11/16/20, TRE will no longer be compliance monitor for the ERCOT protocols per PUCT. TRE will continue to perform NERC audits.
  + T. Chilton: who will take over from TRE? Unknown at this time.(1/14/21)

**OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

* Grid-Ex
* November 16-17, 2021
* OTWG membership vs. access to Market Notices
  + S. Rainwater: majority of people siging up for the OTWG ListServe appear to be doing it only to receive updates. Minutes and Agendas go out to them and they are not necessarly members. These people should be signing up to NOTICES\_TRAINING instead.
* An **NDA** is required to join Task Forces and participate in CLOSED sessions

(one OTWG document covers participation on all TFs Forces, **NO** renewal required)

**TASK FORCES & TRAINING EVENTS**

* **ERCOT Operator Certification Task Force (EOCTF) –** 
  + Chair S. Rainwater, Vice-Chair J. Ballard
  + Member – D. Jackson
* Task Force seeks an ERCOT cettfied QSE employee
* The task force shall require ERCOT certification for participation
* ERCOT Fundamentals Manual under review – ON HOLD
* ERCOT Initial Operator Training Program – ON HOLD
* Vendor is currently working onb registration site
* **Human Performance Improvement Task Force (HPITF) –** 
  + M. Cruz Montez Chair, Vice-Chair M. Goulding
  + Member – M. Cruz-Montes, K.Adare, J. Ballard, D. Penny, S. Rainwater
* Awaiting futher members
* D. Penny NERC HPI symposium posted 5/6/21. See NERC website for details

* **Black Start and Restoration Training Task Force (BSTTF) –** 
  + Chair D. Blackshear, Vice-Chair J. Jarmon
  + Member – N. Perio, S. Klinglesmith, D. Penny
* Awaiting further members
* Blackstart 2021 update
  + Testing next week is cancelled
* John Jarmon, (john.jarmon@ercot.com), is the ERCOT point-of-contact for 2021 Only QSE’s that represent BS Resources (not Next-Start Units), GO’s that operate those Resources, and TO’s can participate
* 2021 training is under development review @ ERCOT
* Task Force is soliciting OTWG members for topics
* PILOT: April 20-22, 2021

SESSIONS: May 11-13, 18-20, 25-27, Jun 1-3, 8-10, 15-17

* John Jarmon Update
* **ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar (OTSTF) –**
* Chair S. Klinglesmith, Vice-Chair A. Ballew
* Member – M. Cruz-Montes
* Pilot planned for 8/10-11
  + Regular sessions begiining 8/24-25 and then weekely thereafter for 6 weeks
* Awaiting further members
* **ERCOT Severe Weather Drill (SWDTF) –** 
  + Chair N. Perio, Vice-Chair J. Jarmon
  + Member – S. Klinglesmith
    - Awaiting further members
* **Temporary OTWG NOGRR Task force for section 1.5 of nodal operating guides**
  + Chair – Tammy Chilton
  + V. Chair –
* 1.5.2 – drafting revisions to annual 32-hour Emergency Training requirement
* 1.5.4 – drafting removal of OWG oversight for annual Severe Weather Drills

**OLD Business**

* **NERC (CEH program, single certification, etc.)**
* PCGC is working on single NERC certification criteria
  + NERC recently sent email to distribution list seeking R&C on proposed changes to PER-003 to bring it inline with one certification proposal.
    - 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)

**NEW Business**

IROL’s in ERCOT

M. Cruz Montes (Center Point): Will ERCOT coordinate IROL training or is there a desire amongst members to move the idea forward?

A. Ballew: ERCOT SOs trained in Oct; WebEx will be posted soon

Grid Geo Training for Market Participants

S. Solis is the ERCOT point of contact.

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Email to NDA@ercot.com

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

**Adjourn**

**2021** Meeting Dates – Thursday following ROS sessions @ 0900

Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

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