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The Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Operations Training Working Group



**August 10, 2023**



Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

# Minutes

August 10, 2023

Taylor TCC1 & WebEx

0900-1100

Meeting Roster: https://forms.microsoft.com/g/bFhWyd7NDL

Must RSVP to attend the on site OTWG meeting.

RSVP at: <https://forms.microsoft.com/g/XGaJUpwRXE>

RSVP deadline, 1730 August 8.

### Anti-trust Admonition:

To avoid raising concerns about antitrust liability, participants in ERCOT activities should refrain from proposing any action or measure that would exceed ERCOT’s authority under federal or state law. For additional information, stakeholders should consult the Statement of Position on Antitrust Issues for Members of ERCOT Committees, Subcommittees, and Working Groups, which is posted on the ERCOT website.

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# Open Session

Chair/Vice-Chair will only recognize those that use the ‘raise hand” feature in WebEx

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| Previous meeting minutes | Made motion | Tamme C. |
|  |  2nd motion | Jeff B |

## CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS - 2023 Training Schedule

### Hurricane Severe Weather Drill

Thursday August 24th

0800-1600

*No CEH*

### Operations Training Seminar

Thursday 0800-1700

October 12th

*No CEH*

### GridEx 7

November 14th-15th

0800-1700

*No CEH*

### Winter Load Shed Workshop (SB3)

Thursday December 7th

0900-1200

*No CEH*

## OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chair: VACANT

Vice-Chair: James.Ballard@ercot.com

## TASK FORCES & TRAINING EVENTS

* Interest in serving on Task Forces should be emailed to Leadership (above)
* An NDA on file with ERCOT is required to join OTWG Task Forces and participate in CLOSED sessions (one document covers all TFs Forces - NO renewal required)

Email to NDA@ercot.com

### ERCOT Operator Certification Task Force (EOCTF) **-UPDATE**

**Chair Steve Rainwater, Vice-Chair Dante' Jackson**

**Members – T. Chilton, James Wallace**

**Requesting additional members – seeking member from a QSE**

* The task force shall require ERCOT certification for participation
* Retest will be allowed after 2 weeks, let us know if that is not happening through the vendor. – Restest hold period reduced from 45 days to 14 days
* TestTrac has documented is still waiting for 100 test results and reporting is unavailable until 100 exam completions.
* PSI has new testing location application, this is causing new account creation to sometimes incur difficulties.
* *CPS reports as of this date, it appears retest time is still at 45 days. Operator attempted in June, and still not able to retest. Steve R. Will have to follow up with TestTrak.*

### Human Performance Improvement Task Force (HPITF)

**Chair Miguel Cruz-Montes, Vice-Chair Michael Goulding**

**Member – K. Adare, J. Ballard, D. Penny, S. Rainwater, T. Chilton**

**Requesting additional members**

* Periodic NERC workshops (posted on [NERC](https://www.nerc.com/Pages/default.aspx))

### ERCOT Black Start and Restoration Training Task Force (BSTTF)

**Chair John Jarmon, Vice-Chair N. Perio**

**Member –, S. Aragon, T. Chilton, A. Ballew, D. Penny**

2024 Black Start Training

* New features are being developed in GridGeo
	+ Losing islands due to generation issues – user awarenes for hitting minimum excitation limiter
	+ TO alarm identification – will only see their own alarms/equipment
	+ Question to all: How can we help with tie points during BS training for all entities to be involved.
	+ Idea presented to maybe in future sessions have a failing case rather than completely black…
	+ Load shed, GridGeo, scenarios of voltage collapse…

### ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar (OTSTF)

**Chair Manuel Sanchez, Vice-Chair Aaron Ballew**

**Member – M. Cruz-Montes, T. Chilton**

**Requesting additional members**

2023 Operations Training Seminar

Thursday 0800-1700 (CEH TBD) - Remote

October 12th

Discussion of possible seminar and BS together in 1 week -will not be possible in 2024

*We will meet in a couple of weeks.*

*Will there be any on-site seats to attend OTS?*

### ERCOT Severe Weather Drill (SWDTF) **-UPDATE**

**Chair Nate Perio, Vice-Chair John Jarmon**

**Member – T. Chilton**

**Requesting additional members**

2023 Hurricane Severe Weather Drill

Thursday August 24th

0800-1400

* Each entity responsible for submitting their own ILA, ERCOT will share their ILA
* Each entity should plan and communicate to this group for a Freeport landfall in preparation.
* Possible severe weather and load shed together in future years
* *Due to being late in the hurricane season full crews at member utilities may not be available for remoting into ERCOT. For 2023 we will revert back to tabletop event. ILA will be shared by ERCOT. 6 hour drill.*

## Trainers sharing with Trainers

Training Engagment – James Ballard

## OLD Business

* + *GridEx – ERCOT will include an RTA, suggestions and ideas are being discussed to possibly include other entities.*
		- *Drew Bonser (ERCOT) possible discussion in the future*
	+ *OTWG NOGRR – Revisions to Section 1.5 – John White*
	+ *John J. spoke of trainng efforts by market participants for recognition in the future. ERCOT staff support already.*
	+ *Possible task force meetings immediately following OTWG each month – TFs will need to pre-arrange to ensure space available.*
	+ *NOGRR 252 & NPRR 1176, in review process for EEA Triggers*

## NEW Business

OTWG Chair Nominations

* Manuel Sanchez, VOTED as CHAIR

??John J, for task force chair, Nate P vice chair,

CANCELLED October Meeting due to OTS in progress

## 2023 OTWG meeting schedule

Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14, ~~Oct 12~~, Nov 9, Dec 14

# Closed Session

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| *~~Need~~* / *No need* for closed session | Motion Made | Jeff B |
|  |  2nd motion | Jonathan L. |

# Adjourn – 09:53