The Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Operations Training Working Group



**December 12th, 2024**



Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

# Agenda

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WebEx

0900-1100

Meeting Roster:[link](https://isolate.menlosecurity.com/1/3735928009/https%3A/forms.office.com/g/9eC8LNhFfB) disabled after meeting.

Completed during the meeting

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# Open Session

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| Previous meeting minutes | Made Motion | Kevin Griffin |
|  | 2nd Motion | Michael Goulding |

## CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS - 2024 Training Schedule

None

## OPERATIONS NOTICES, NOGRRs and NPRRs

NOGRR 247 concerning UFLS. Review the notice and the dates of these UFLS to be in effect.

Market Notification Link: <https://www.ercot.com/services/comm/mkt_notices/M-A022924-01>



## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chair: Manuel.Sanchez@oncor.com

Vice-Chair: Benjamin.Ray@austinenergy.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)

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

**Members – James Wallace**

**Requesting additional members – seeking member(s) from a QSE**

* The ERCOT Operator Certification exam has been temporarily suspended due to coordination issues with testing center. ERCOT is looking into options to resolve this issue.
* ERCOT notification sent to all market participants on September 9th indicating the ERCOT Operator Certification exam has been temporarily suspended. See note below:



* ERCOT has closing agreements with a new vendor.
* ERCOT will finalize transition and data conversion for the exam and new testing platform.
* New vendor will complete training with ERCOT personnel using the new platform.
	+ The ERCOT Certification test will be remote using a local proctor to help manage and validate that the testing location is secured.
	+ The proctor will need to lock web browser configurations to avoid invalidating the test.

### Human Performance Improvement Topics

* Ideas for HPI topics:
	+ Access to NERC data for Human Error events, see David Penny’s shared information for reference and analysis. No information related to Human or Performance Metrics at the moment.



* + Identify topics for Human Performance Metrics for Real-Time operations.
	+ Visit NERC Event reports for additional resources at <https://www.nerc.com/pa/rrm/ea/Pages/Major-Event-Reports.aspx>
	+ Visit NERC lessons learned site for additional reference at <https://www.nerc.com/pa/rrm/ea/Pages/Lessons-Learned.aspx>
	+ Visit the <https://www.natf.net/> portal for HPI resources, discussion boards and initiatives, other companies are doing related to Human Performance Improvement.
	+ There will be a Human Performance in Action Conference March 17th – 19th, 2025 in Westin River Walk San Antonio, TX. Please see registration link at: [HPAC Registration 2025](https://isolate.menlosecurity.com/1/3735928009/https%3A/linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.humanperformanceinaction.com%2f&c=E,1,y2oDnQd-x0hrtSDJbHWzNNQgq3bKwtE6RvPrvrP4LG7UlO77l1tZ7nZSr0wW4L-xwQC6EGffhICUIf_aFafmVQ9qyfn4z9V_S_kXYRbP&typo=1)
		- See details in the link: <https://www.humanperformanceinaction.com/>

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

**Chair VACANT, Vice-Chair N. Perio**

**Members –, S. Aragon, A. Ballew, D. Penny, Jonathan Love**

2025 Black Start Training

* This Task force will need a new chair for 2025.
* December 31st is the last day to complete the CBT of 2024 Black Start.
* CBT hours from September and October are currently awarded, if CBT is complete in December, hours will be awarded in January 2025.
* If there are any problems with access to CBT or your hours have not been rewarded, contact Sarah Janak from ERCOT.
* Visit the [2024 ERCOT Black Start CVENT](https://web.cvent.com/event/a928275a-1e08-4922-865f-b3ac980cb101/websitePage%3A05606f8c-1a81-40cb-8869-146cccab7436) details for additional information.

### ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar Task Force (OTSTF)

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

**Member – M. Cruz-Montes, Jonathan Love**

**Requesting additional members**

Topics for 2025 Operations Training Seminar

* ERCOT will plan to include some additional topics related to QSEs.
	+ ERCOT will include additional speakers from market participants as needed.
	+ Topics locked in and confirmed to be available for each week of training
		- 1 Hour – RTC Project (ERCOT - Matt Mereness Sr Director Strategic Mkt Design Programs and Delivery)
		- 1 Hour - System Restoration requirement (ERCOT - Bobby Gray)
		- 1-4 Hour Topic on Ukraine Cyber attack (Tim Conway)
		- 1 Hour Summer Weather Outlook (Chris Coleman, Mark Witte backup)
		- 2 Hrs MPs, TOAPS, RAPS, PCAPS - which are automatic and which is manual. This would need to be high level due to confidentiality (Steve Rainwater team).
		- 1 Hr VAR Standard (placeholder)
		- 1 Hr TRE Topic
		- 1.5 Hr (Oncor) Load shed process
		- Market Participant Topic(s)
* Planning for next year’s OTS on March-April timeframe.
	+ Planning for after spring break week.
	+ Proposed weeks:
		- Pilot – Week of March 10 or Week of March 17 (only for the presenters, no market participants expected)
		- Week 1     3/25-3/27
		- Week 2     4/1-4/3
		- Week 3     4/8-4/10
		- Week 4     4/15-4/17
		- Week 5     4/22-4/24
		- Week 6     4/29-5/1
* No EEA or emergency training with the seminar.
* If there are any additional topics for future OTS, please reach out to OTWG members or send your recommendations via email.

### ERCOT Severe Weather Drill Task Force (SWDTF) –No Updates

**Chair Nate Perio, Vice-Chair**

**Member –Jonathan Love**

**Requesting additional members**

* No updates

## Trainers sharing with Trainers

Training with Mixed Media – TBD

* TBD

July’s Presentation by: \_TBD\_

## OLD Business

**None**

## NEW Business

* Future OTWG Meeting dates:
* Second Thursdays of the month: (Recommended dates below)

January 9th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

February 13th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

March 13th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

April 10th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting – Potential Cancellation

May 8th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

June 12th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

July 10th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

August 14th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

September 11th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

October 9th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

November 13th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

December 11th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

# Closed Session

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|  No need for closed session | Motion Made | James Ballard |
|  | 2nd Motion | Jeff Branch |

# Adjourn

Time: Adjourn on Thursday December 12th, 2024 at 0920.