The Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Operations Training Working Group



**February 13th, 2025**



Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

# Minutes

February 13th, 2025

WebEx

0900-1100

Meeting Roster:insert Results

### Anti-trust Admonition:

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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 | Rosemary H. |
|  | 2nd Motion | Michael G. |

## CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS - 2025 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>



NOGRR 245 just passed. See status and documentation related to this NOGRR. <https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NOGRR245#summary>

Location of all NOGRR - <https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/reports/nogrr>

## 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**

* 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.
* ERCOT will begin testing on site at Taylor starting February 4th. Use the link below for more details:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/1b1ffc4d-f78a-4e4b-b36b-2894e2835863/summary>

* There will be a waiting list for the first two sessions to allocate candidates who want to take the exam.
* ERCOT will open test every two weeks throughout the year. Cost will be $50 via credit card using CVENT to complete registration.
* Waiting period will be 21 days before retest.
* PLEASE USE THE CVENT SITE FOR ALL QUESTIONS. A FAQ document will be added to the site for more details.
* No testing center will be available at this time. There are a few logistics to work out before using external proctors other than ERCOT’s site.



### Human Performance Improvement Topics

* Ideas for HPI topics:
	+ 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 Mark Spinner, Vice-Chair Nate Perio**

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

BSTTF Chair Nominations: Mark Spinner

Mark Spinner was selected as the Chair for ERCOT Black Start Restoration Training Task Force

2025 Black Start Training

* This Task force will need a new chair for 2025.
* Onsite training during Weeks of October-November 2025.
* Traditionally will be 20 hrs of simulation plus the EOP standard portion (~7 CEHs).

### 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 included additional speakers from market participants. Enough material for 1.5 days of training with total CEHs of about 12 hrs.
	+ Topics locked in and confirmed to be available for each week of training
		- 1.5 Hour – RTC Project (ERCOT - Matt Mereness Sr Director Strategic Mkt Design Programs and Delivery)
		- 1 Hour - System Restoration requirement (ERCOT - Bobby Gray)
		- 1 Hour Summer Weather Outlook (Chris Coleman)
		- 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 TRE Topic
		- 1.5 Hr Oncor Load shed process
		- 0.5 Hr System Restoration
* Planning for next year’s OTS on March-April timeframe.
	+ 2025 Training weeks:
		- No Pilot – Week of March 10 or Week of March 17 (only for the presenters, no market participants expected)
		- Week 1     3/25-3/26
		- Week 2     4/1-4/2
		- Week 3     4/8-4/9
		- Week 4     4/15-4/16
		- Week 5     4/22-4/23
		- Week 6     4/29-4/30
* No EEA or emergency training with the seminar. No virtual options for the seminar at this time.
* Registration link will not work until 2/19/25.
* ERCOT requests to pay attention on last day to cancel or modify registrations. Use the details from the market notice.
* Market notice will be sent out the week of February 10th.



### ERCOT Severe Weather Drill Task Force (SWDTF)

**Chair Nate Perio, Vice-Chair**

**Member –Jonathan Love**

**Requesting additional members**

* Planning for the month of June cycle training (6/6/25, Hurricane Drill).
* This session will be a communication drill.
* More details will be released later.

## OLD Business

* The discussion of the South Texas IROL training has been taken off the table. This decision was made due to confidentiality and complexity of the topic for market participants.

## NEW Business

* None

## Upcoming OTWG Meetings

* OTWG Meeting dates:

March 13th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

April 10th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting – Consider this meeting in person.

May 8th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

June 12th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

July 17th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

August 14th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

September 18th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

October 9th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

November 13th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting – Potential Cancellation due to ERCOT Black Start

December 11th, 2025 – OTWG Meeting

# Closed Session

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|  No need for closed session | Motion Made | Kevin G. |
|  | 2nd Motion | Steve R. |

# Adjourn

Time: Adjourn on February 13th, 2025 at 0927.