The Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Operations Training Working Group



**March 13th, 2025**



Operations Training Working Group (OTWG)

# Minutes

March 13th, 2025

WebEx

0900-1100

Meeting Roster:

### 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 | J Griffin |
|  | 2nd Motion | A Ballew |

## 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) – Updates?

**Chair Steve Rainwater, Vice-Chair VACANT**

**Members – James Wallace**

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

* ERCOT is hosting the test onsite. Use the link below for more details:

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

* 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.
* Market Notice:



### 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 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) – Updates?

**Chair Mark Spinner, Vice-Chair Nate Perio**

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

2025 Black Start Training

* Onsite training during Weeks of October-November 2025.
* Traditionally will be 20 hrs of simulation plus the EOP standard portion (~7 CEHs). (CBT being re-worked)
* Meeting in May about the Restoration simulation, events introduced to challenge restoration effort. Join Task force to voice on this effort.

### ERCOT Region Operator Training Seminar Task Force (OTSTF) – Updates?

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

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

**Requesting additional members**

Topics for 2025 Operators Training Seminar

* Enough material for 1.5 days of training with total CEHs of about 10 hours (hours approximate until final presentations received and upon SOCCED approval).
	+ Topics locked in and confirmed to be available for each week of training
		- 1.5 Hour – RTC+B Project & Ancillary Services (ERCOT - Matt Mereness)
		- 1.0 Hour - System Restoration requirement (ERCOT - Bobby Gray)
		- 1.0 Hour Summer Weather Outlook (ERCOT - Chris Coleman)
		- 2.0 Hrs MPs, TOAPS, RAPS, PCAPS - (ERCOT- Ray Herren).
		- 1.0 Hr Reliability Risks and the Evolving Bulk Power System (TRE)
		- 1.5 Hr Oncor Load shed process (ONCOR Manuel Sanchez)
		- 1.0 Hr Outage Coordination (ERCOT Chris Azeredo)
		- 1.0 Hr NERC, Market Rules and Operations (ERCOT Shane Herrera)
		- 1.0 Hr ERCOT Weatherization (ERCOT David Kezell)
* 41st ERCOT Operators Training Seminar Schedule.
	+ 2025 Training weeks:
		- No Pilot – Week of March 10 (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
* ERCOT has updated its change and cancellation policy based on previous events and requests. Schedulers are advised to note the last available date for canceling or modifying registrations. Use the details from the market notice. *Refunds will only be issued if registration is changed/cancelled by 11:59 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the session start date.*
* Do not signup for ERCOT exam for the same week attending OTS.
* Market notice

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### ERCOT Severe Weather Drill Task Force (SWDTF) – Updates?

**Chair Nate Perio, Vice-Chair VACANT**

**Member –Jonathan Love**

**Requesting additional members**

* Planning for the month of June cycle training (6/12/25, Hurricane Drill).
* This session will be a communication drill.
* More details will be released later.

## OLD Business

* None

## NEW Business

* RTC +B Training Videos - <https://www.ercot.com/committees/tac/rtcbtf/training>

## Upcoming OTWG Meetings

* OTWG Meeting dates:

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 | J. Love |
|  | 2nd Motion | K Griffin |

# Adjourn

Time: Adjourn on \_\_3/13/2025\_\_\_, 2025 at \_\_0922\_\_.