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Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC

2022 Emergency Operations Plan

WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC
WETT

Effective Date: April 15, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Weather and other natural disasters can have a significant impact on system reliability. During a typical year, Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT) may expect to experience high winds, tornadoes, heavy rain, floods, and/or strong thunderstorms. Less frequently, the WETT transmission system may experience other natural disasters, such as wildfires or ice storms, or may be susceptible to additional events, including pandemic, vandalism and sabotage.

Should such an event occur, WETT has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which references and incorporates other WETT internal plans and policies such as its preexisting Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The EOP will be the foundation for the WETT response by providing information on management and support requirements and resource acquisition.

The EOP and the ERP present the WETT response to potential equipment failure, damage, and/or personnel shortages caused by natural or man-made events. The goal of the plans is to utilize all available resources to safely, reliably, effectively, and economically restore system outages and damaged assets while mitigating the disruption's consequences and keeping the public and WETT employees informed of the progress of the restoration effort. They provide an overall framework for response to events and also assign responsibilities to particular departments, operating groups, and functional job titles. Many features contained in these plans will be used during less severe conditions, and some may be used on a routine basis.

When the transmission system is disrupted due to forced outage, WETT's restoration depends upon cooperation among all departments and the willingness of individuals to perform duties that may be different from their normal assignments. This cooperation will ensure that transmission service is restored in a safe and timely fashion. As the EOP is implemented, WETT employees will demonstrate commitment to safety, environment, reliability, and cost mitigation. During major events, WETT will mobilize all departments, as needed, to participate in the restoration of service.

WETT's EOP contains the following:

- 1) **Document Approval and Implementation Information.** This section:
 - a) introduces the EOP and outlines its applicability beginning at page 2;
 - b) provides the individuals responsible for maintaining and implementing the EOP, and those who can change the EOP, at page 2;
 - c) provides at page 2 revision control summary that lists the date of adoption of WETT's initial EOP in April 2022 and will in the future list the dates of each change made to the EOP since the initial EOP filing in April 2022;
 - d) provides a dated statement that the current EOP supersedes previous EOPs at page 2; and
 - e) states the date the EOP was most recently approved by the entity at page 2.
- 2) **Communications Plan.** WETT is a wholesale transmission service provider (TSP), and as such its communications plan is designed in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.53(d)(2)(A), and can be found in WETT's ERP beginning at page 14 and including ERP Appendices 6.4 and 6.5. WETT's communications plan describes procedures during an emergency for handling complaints and for communicating with the public; the media; the Commission; the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC); various local and state governmental entities, officials, and emergency operations centers, as appropriate in the circumstances; and the reliability coordinator for its power region. As a TSP, WETT serves no retail customers or critical load customers directly.
- 3) **Emergency Response Supply Maintenance.** WETT's plan to maintain pre-identified supplies for emergency response can be found at Appendix 6.6 of WETT's ERP.
- 4) **Emergency Response Staffing.** WETT's plan addressing staffing during emergency response can be found beginning at page 3 of the EOP, and its Emergency Response Duty Roster is Appendix 6.10 to WETT's ERP.
- 5) **Weather-related Hazard Identification.** WETT's plan for addressing how it identifies weather-related hazards, including tornadoes, hurricanes, extreme cold weather, extreme hot weather, drought, and flooding, and the process WETT follows to activate the EOP can be found in the EOP beginning at page 4 and in WETT's ERP beginning at page 9.

- 6) **Specific Scenario Annexes.** The EOP includes the following stand-alone annexes for addressing specific threats:
- a) **Weather Emergencies.** This annex includes:
 - i) operational plans for responding to a cold or hot weather emergency, distinct from the weather preparations required under §25.55 of this title (relating to Weather Emergency Preparedness), which can be found beginning at pages 6 and 10 of the EOP and pages 11-20 of the ERP; and
 - ii) a checklist for transmission or distribution facility personnel to use during cold or hot weather emergency response that includes lessons learned from past weather emergencies to ensure necessary supplies and personnel are available through the weather emergency, in the form of WETT’s Emergency Response Personnel Duty Roster at ERP Appendix 6.10 and WETT’s Inventory of Pre-Arranged Supplies (which includes emergency rations and sleeping arrangements) at ERP Appendix 6.6.
 - b) **Emergency Load Shed.** This annex does not apply to WETT, which as a TSP does not serve load.
 - c) **Pandemics and Epidemics,** at EOP page 7;
 - d) **Wildfires,** at EOP page 8;
 - e) **Hurricanes,** at EOP page 9;
 - f) **Cyber Security,** at EOP page 10; and
 - g) **Physical Security Incidents,** at EOP page 10.

LIST OF WETT EMERGENCY CONTACTS

A list of WETT’s emergency contacts can be found at page 6 of the EOP; additional emergency contacts can be found at Appendix 6.5 of WETT’s ERP.

WETT PERSONNEL RECEIVING ACCESS TO EOP

Name	Title	Date(s)
Wayne Morton	CEO	April 15, 2022
Leo Quiachon	COO	April 15, 2022
Eric Carman	Health, Safety, Security, and Environmental Specialist	April 15, 2022
Antonio Ansede	VP Engineering and Construction	April 15, 2022
Raul Murillo	Construction Manager	April 15, 2022
Sandra Morris	Director Regulatory Affairs & Governance	April 15, 2022
Travis Leverett	Regulatory Manager	April 15, 2022
David Bueche	Operations Director	April 15, 2022
Cody Landry	Director of Construction	April 15, 2022
Roddy Maddox	Field Operations Supervisor	April 15, 2022
Cody McKneely	Senior Substation Technician	April 15, 2022
Deborah Sterzing	CFO	April 15, 2022
Carolina Rios	Controller	April 15, 2022
Dan Allred	Real Estate Manager	April 15, 2022
Betty Blake Churchill	Office Manager	April 15, 2022

WETT PERSONNEL RECEIVING TRAINING ON EOP

As of April 15, 2022, WETT has not yet conducted training specific to the new EOP. WETT will conduct such training during 2022 and will update with a list of names, titles, and date(s) such training occurred.

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**PROJECT TO SUBMIT EMERGENCY § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OPERATIONS PLANS AND RELATED §
DOCUMENTS UNDER 16 TAC § 25.53 § OF TEXAS**

**AFFIDAVIT OF WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC'S
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, L. WAYNE MORTON
AFFIRMING INFORMATION REGARDING ITS EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN**

**STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §**

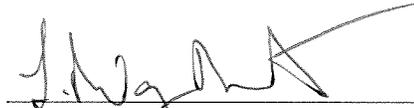
BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, this day personally appeared L. Wayne Morton, to me known, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

“My name is L. Wayne Morton. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. I certify that the foregoing testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. I am employed by Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (“WETT”) as its Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), the highest ranking officer with binding authority over WETT.
2. As required by 16 Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) § 25.53, WETT has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”) to mitigate potential operating emergencies.
3. The EOP has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate executives.
4. Although WETT’s EOP is a new document, relevant operating personnel are familiar with and have received training on the applicable contents and execution of the EOP via their exposure to and training on the EOP’s predecessor, WETT’s Emergency Response Plan (the “ERP,” which has been incorporated as an attachment to the EOP). As of the date of this filing, such personnel have been provided access to the EOP and have been instructed to follow the applicable portions of the EOP except to the extent deviations are appropriate as a result of specific circumstances during the course of an emergency. Further training of relevant operating personnel on the EOP will take place in calendar year 2022.
5. Historically, drills for the purpose of testing WETT’s ERP have been conducted. Because WETT’s EOP is a new document, no drills have yet been conducted specifically for the purpose of testing the EOP. As required by 16 TAC § 25.53(f), WETT expects to conduct

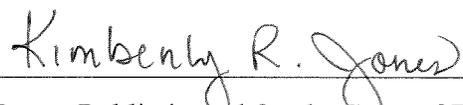
at least one drill on its new EOP during 2022, and it will at least 30 days in advance notify staff of both the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Division of Emergency Management of said drill.

6. A listing of primary and backup emergency contacts for WETT identifying specific individuals who can immediately address urgent requests and questions from the commission during an emergency is found at p. 6 of the EOP.
7. WETT's new EOP or an appropriate summary has not yet been distributed to any local jurisdictions. WETT will distribute a copy of the EOP or an appropriate summary thereof to local jurisdictions as needed in the future.
8. WETT maintains a business continuity plan that addresses returning to normal operations after disruptions caused by an incident.
9. WETT's emergency management personnel who are designated to interact with local, state, and federal emergency management officials during emergency events have received the latest IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 National Incident Management System training."



L. Wayne Morton

Subscribed and sworn to before me, notary public, on this the 14th day of April, 2022.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: 1/10/2023

