

## GridEx VIII Update June 2025 DTS

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#### **Themes:**

- Malware Cyberattacks
- Physical Attacks Targeting Substations
- Communications Disrupted
- Weather Events (Wildfires & Heatwave)

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 18 – Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025

> TIME: 0900–1700 EPT

#### Nation-state sponsored attacks against the BES following weather event:

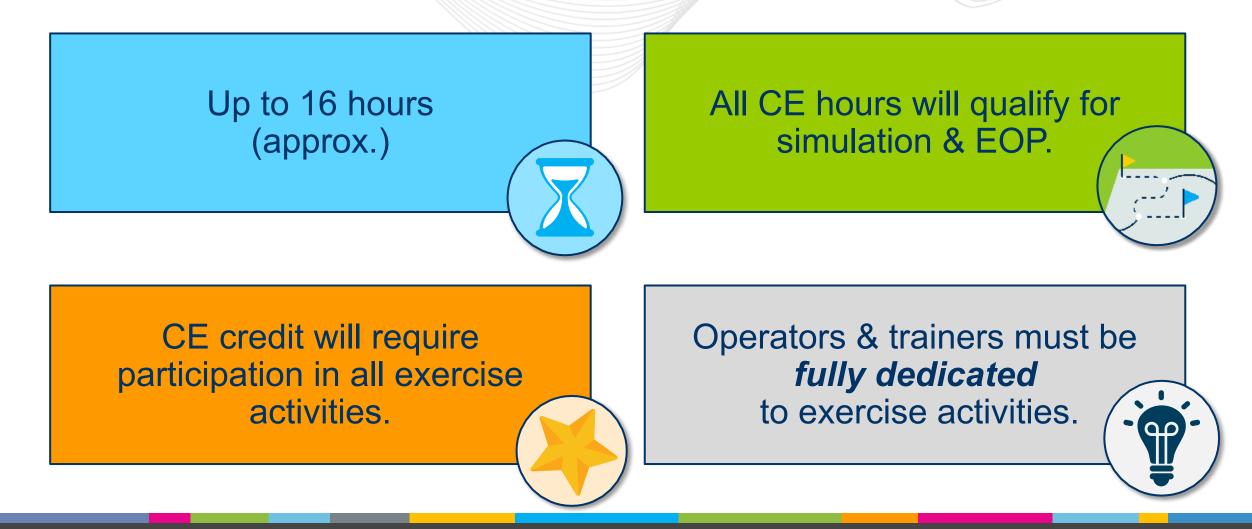
- Physical attacks on EHV substations and facilities
- Cyberattacks
- Loss of tool (eDart)

- Manage interdependency challenges such as upstream/downstream impacts
- Coordination with state and local emergency management agencies

Note: Each organization will have their own customized drill injects that will provide a meaningful impact to their organization.



## Continued Education Hours (CEH)





## 2025 PJM Planning Schedule for GridEx VIII

Activity	Date
Kick-off Meeting (TOs/GOs/State Agencies)	May 29
Monthly Planner Meetings (All)	Last Thursday of each month
Confirm Participation Level (All)	June 30
Individual Inject Discussion Meetings	July/August
Inject Deadline (All)	September 5
Simulation Snapshot Date (TOs/GOs)	September 4 0600 EPT; September 5 (backup)
Inject Freeze Date (All)	September 30
Contact Information in SharePoint (All)	October 13
Scenario Walk-Through Meeting (TOs/GOs)	October 16
Final Planning Meeting (All)	October 30
Communications Test (Phones)	November 3 (0900–1100 EPT)
Notification Test (All-Call and MSEL)	November 10 (0900–1100 EPT)
Drill Execution/Capture Actions	November 18–19 (0900–1700 EPT)



#### Next Steps

# PJM will reach out to complete registration for the drill and provide additional access instructions to the Drill SharePoint site.

#### **By June 30 – All Participants:**

Determine your participation level	<ul> <li>Compile your list of additional</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop one to three</li> </ul>
(simulator/tabletop, teams, etc.).	planners and trainers.	injects.

Planners and trainers should register with E-ISAC and sign up for a PJM.com account if they do not have one already.

PJM will reach out to set up individual meetings with organizations (July/August) to discuss their inject(s).



## **PJM Contact Information**

Next Activity (All)		Date
Monthly Planner Meeting		June 26
Confirm Participation		June 30
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