

Southwestern Power Administration Launches Power Operations Training Site

The "Power" of Learning Starts Here!

04/25/05 -- Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), a power marketing agency of the United States Department of Energy, opened its Power Operations Training Center for business this week.

Southwestern has been recognized by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) as a continuing education provider adhering to NERC Continuing Education program criteria.

By achieving this approval and recognition, Southwestern will be able to design and provide certified training courses to Power System Operators (Dispatchers) and other Power Operations personnel, both inside and outside of Southwestern.

Following the Blackout of August 2003, new, more stringent standards were developed to make sure Power Operations Training met the needed criteria to assist in avoiding future system disturbances. Southwestern has responded by developing power operations training to address these criteria.

Southwestern currently offers NERC approved courses in Power System Switching Procedures, Power Generation Construction and Operation, and Power System Restoration. Further course development is currently in progress.