



2023 GridEx VII July DTS Meeting

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GridEx VII Planning Schedule

Activity	Date
Kick-off Meeting (TOs / GOs)	May 25
Kick-off Meeting (State Agencies)	June 12
Monthly Planner Meetings (Members and States)	Last Thursday of each month
Confirm Participation Level	June 30
Individual Scenario Discussion Meetings	July / Aug
Simulation Snapshot Date	August 25 (September 1 as backup)
Scenario Deadline	September 1
Scenario Freeze Date	September 15
Scenario Walkthrough Meeting (TOs / GOs Only)*	October 12
Communications Test (Phones & All Call)	October 24 (1000 hrs)
Final Planning Meeting (Members and States)	October 26
Drill Execution / Capture Actions and Lessons Learned	November 14-15 (0900 – 1700)

Move 0 – November 7–13, 2023:

- Indications of an impending attack and the disappearance of an employee, followed by adverse weather throughout North America, leaving the system more vulnerable at the start of live play.

Move 1 – The Morning of November 14:

- A series of initial attacks that target personnel and response capabilities. Gas and water industries are impacted. Indications suggest something larger yet to come.

Move 2 – The Afternoon of November 14:

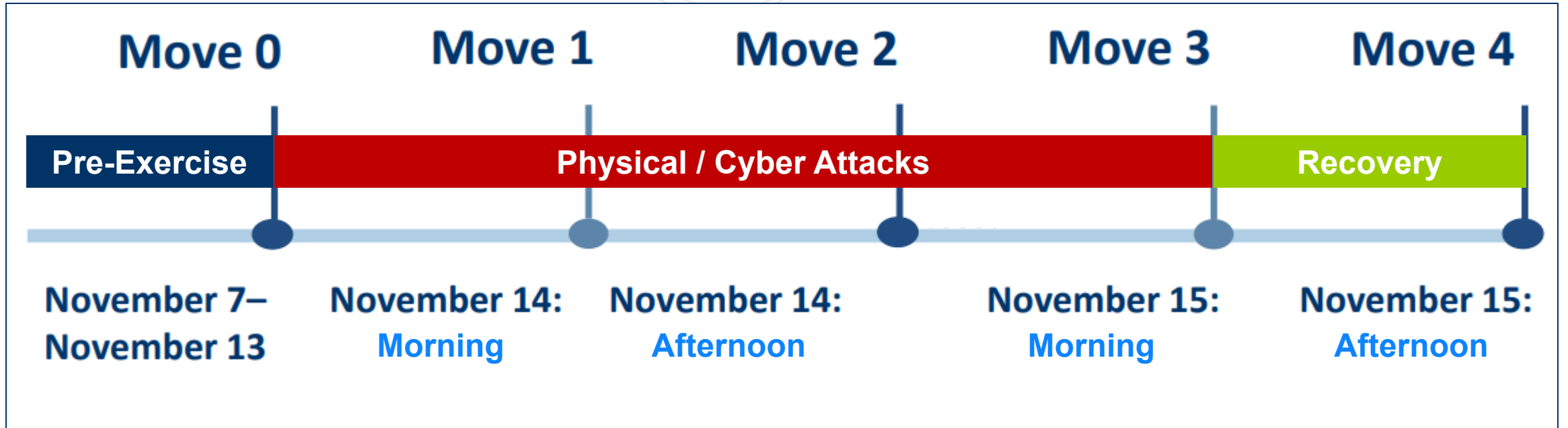
- A large-scale coordinated physical attack on substations and pipelines pushes the grid to the brink, requiring shedding of firm load. Cyber and physical attacks also targeted telecommunications infrastructure, forcing Players to rely on backup systems.

Move 3 – The Morning of November 15:

- With the main attack over, and no developments overnight, recovery begins. Then, in a final strike, the attackers target critical facilities and telecommunications.

Move 4 – The Afternoon of November 15:

- One week later, recovery continues under global supply shortages. Entities implement emergency operations plans and work with their partners to recover from the devastating series of attacks.



Physical Events

- Drone-led attacks
- Substation vandalism/fire
- Domestic terror using explosives and small arms fire damaging equipment
- Metropolitan outages
- Civil unrest

Cyber Events

- Targeted attacks on Emergency Management Systems
- Suspicious activity accessing control systems
- Social engineering / Denial of Service attacks
- Network / Telecom sabotage

Next Activity	Date
Individual Inject Meetings	July/August

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