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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

State Capitol, Room 102

Monday and Tuesday, November 9-10

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

Monday, November 9

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairwoman Driscoll
- 9:35 a.m. **Energy Policy: "Reducing regulations that increase ratepayers' energy costs"**
1. Chairman Greg Jergeson -- PSC
 2. Robert Nelson -- Montana Consumer Counsel
 3. Montana Electric Cooperatives, MDU, NorthWestern
 4. Public Comment
 5. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. **NorthWestern Energy Infrastructure Stakeholders Group**
1. Senator Cliff Larsen
 2. Bob Rowe, NorthWestern CEO
 3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **Energy Policy: "Increasing the supply of low-cost electricity with coal-fired generation"**
1. Gordon Criswell -- PPL Montana
 2. Tom Power -- Economist
 3. Montana Electric Cooperatives, MDU, NorthWestern
 4. Public Comment
 5. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Federal greenhouse gas reduction efforts**
1. David Hoffman -- PPL Montana
 2. Chuck Magraw -- NRDC, Renewable Northwest Project
 3. Dave Galt -- MPA

4. Kyla Weins -- MEIC
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Driscoll

8:05 a.m. **Agency Overview Presentation** -- PSC Chairman Greg Jergeson

8:30 a.m. **Energy Policy: "Promoting alternative energy systems"**

1. Ben Brouwer, Aero -- distributed energy
2. Lee Tavenner, Solar Plexus -- small hydro and other
3. Ross Holter, Flathead Electric -- gas to energy project
4. NorthWestern, MDU, Montana Electric Cooperatives
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion

10:00 a.m. **Overview of Western States Energy and Environmental Symposium**

1. Senator Jerry Black
2. ETIC Questions and Discussion

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Native American Resource Partners**

1. John Jurrius, president NARP
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

11:30 a.m. **Other Business**

1. Review of draft handbooks
"Understanding Energy" -- Jeff Blend
"Electricity Law" -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Approval of September 24 minutes

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **Energy Policy: Review of September topics**

1. Overview of Summary -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Discussion and Direction to Staff

2:30 p.m. **Universal System Benefits Program**

1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Montana Electric Cooperatives, MDU, NorthWestern
3. Energy Share, LIEAP
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:30 p.m. **Other Business**

1. Review of January Energy Policy issues -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Handout Summary of November Policy issues -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Instructions to Staff

If you plan to attend this meeting and will need services or accommodations, please contact Sonja Nowakowski (406-444-3078 or snowakowski@mt.gov) at least 5 working days before the meeting.

Please Note:

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