



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### 62nd Montana Legislature

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### State Capitol, Room 172

### Thursday, November 17

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

### Thursday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Vice Chairman Belcourt
- 9:05 a.m.                    **Rural Cell Phone Coverage**
1. [Overview](#) -- Bonnie Lorang
  2. [Mid-Rivers](#) -- Bill Wade
  3. Nemont -- Mike Kilgore
  4. [Triangle](#) -- Rick Stevens
  5. [AT&T](#) -- Jason Olson
  6. [Verizon](#) -- Aimee Gromoljez
  7. [Cellular One](#) -- Julia Tanner
  8. Public        Comment
  9.        ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 10:30 a.m.                    **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.                    **Zinc Air**
1. Introduction -- Senator Jackson
  2. [Overview](#) -- Kevin Waldher, vice-president/finance
  3. Public        Comment
  4.        ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 11:15 a.m.                    **One-call Update**
1. Stakeholder Update -- John Fitzpatrick and Doug Hardy
  2. Public Comment
  3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
  4. ETIC Directions to Staff on Future Research
- 12:00 p.m.                    **Group Discussion with Education and Local Government Interim Committee -- ROOM 102**
1. Overview of Eastern Montana Bus Tour  
      -- [Rep. Rosendale](#)  
      -- Rep. Belcourt
  2. Public Comment

3. Questions and Discussion

1:00 p.m.

**Universal System Benefits Program**

1. [Overview](#) -- Mr. Everts
2. [Energy Share](#) -- Rachel Haberman
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. Instructions to staff

2:00 p.m.

**PSC Organizational Structure**

1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Perspectives -- [Professor Jim Lopach](#) and Former Georgia Commissioner Bobby Baker
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. Instructions to Staff

3:00 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m.

**Agency Overview Presentation**

1. [Overview](#) -- PSC Chairman Travis Kavulla
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

3:45 p.m.

**Energy Resource Development**

1. Update on HB 642 efforts -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:00 p.m.

**Other Business**

1. Approval of September 16 minutes
2. Review of handbooks -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Rule review -- Mr. Everts
4. Instructions to Staff

4:15 p.m.

**Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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