



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

### 63rd Montana Legislature

**SENATE MEMBERS**  
CLIFF LARSEN--Chair  
EDWARD BUTTREY  
ROBYN DRISCOLL  
ALAN OLSON

**HOUSE MEMBERS**  
KEITH REGIER--Vice Chair  
MIKE LANG  
MARY MCNALLY  
TOM STEENBERG

**COMMITTEE STAFF**  
SONJA NOWAKOWSKI, Lead Staff  
TODD EVERTS, Staff Attorney  
DAWN FIELD, Secretary

## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

### State Capitol, Room 172

### Friday, November 8

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

### Friday, November 8

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Larsen

8:35 a.m. **Follow-up on 9-1-1 Issues: 2013 Legislative Proposals**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. [Stranded Funds HB 575 Implementation](#) -- Quinn Ness, DOA
3. Stranded Funds HB 575 Outcomes -- Bonnie Lorang, MITs
4. [Prepaid Issues HB 509 Introduction](#) -- Vice Chairman Regier
5. Prepaid Issues HB 509 Perspectives -- Chuck Denowh, Prepaid
6. Prepaid Issues HB 509 Perspectives -- Gene Walborn, DOR
7. Public Comment
8. ETIC Questions and Discussion
9. ETIC Action, if necessary

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **RPS Discussion Environmental Impacts -- Overview and Opportunity**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. DEQ Introduction -- Lou Moore or Dave Klemp
3. [DEQ](#) -- Garrett Martin and Jeff Blend
3. [NREL](#) -- Lori Bird and Francisco Flores
4. [Public Comment](#)
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

11:15 a.m. **RPS Discussion Environmental Impacts -- Utility Diversification**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Montana-Dakota Utilities -- John Alke
3. [NorthWestern Energy](#) -- John Bushnell
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

12:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**

**NorthWestern Energy's Purchase of PPL Dams**

1. [NorthWestern Energy](#) --- CEO Bob Rowe
2. [Public Service Commission](#) -- Chairman Bill Gallagher

3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. ETIC Action, if Necessary

1:00 p.m.

### **Universal System Benefits Program**

1. [Overview](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. [Public Service Commission](#) -- Chairman Gallagher
3. NorthWestern Energy -- Deb Young
4. Montana-Dakota Utilities -- John Alke
5. Rural Electric Cooperatives -- Doug Hardy
6. Public Comment
7. ETIC Questions and Discussion
8. ETIC Action, if Necessary

2:00 p.m.

### **Utility Competitive Solicitation Process**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. [Morgan and Howard Study](#) -- Will Rosquist, PSC
3. Oversight Resources -- Bryan Rogan
4. NorthWestern Energy -- John Bushnell
5. [Public Comment](#)
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion
7. ETIC Action, if Necessary

3:00 p.m.

### **Break**

3:15 p.m.

### **Agency Overview Presentation**

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

3:45 p.m.

### **Rule Review and Update on QF EIS and Rulemaking**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:15 p.m.

### **Other Business**

1. Instructions to Staff

4:30 p.m.

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

5:00 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

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