

## Draft Agenda

**Energy and Telecommunications  
Interim Committee**

**Thursday September 22  
Capitol Building, Room 137  
Helena, Montana**

- 8:00**      **Call to Order** -- Chairman Roush
- 8:05**      **Background: SJR 36 Distributed Energy** -- Senators Toole & Essmann
- 8:30**      **Overview: Study Plans for the Resolution Studies (SJR 36 & 39)** -- Staff
- 9:00**      **Overview: Montana Transmission Issues**
- Ted Williams, Northwestern Energy
  - Gail Kuntz, Bonneville Power Administration
- 10:15**      **Break**
- 10:30**      **Update: Governors' Symposium & Other Energy Issues**
- *Symposium* (Bruce Measure, NWPCC)
  - *Syngas* (coal gasification) and *Gas-to-Liquid* (Fisher-Tropsch process for producing diesel) (Mike Volesky, Governor's Office; Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Opportunity)
  - *Otter Creek Tract* (Mike Volesky, Governor's Office; Monte Mason, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Opportunity; Chuck Kerr, Great Northern Properties)
- 12:00**      **Lunch**

- 1:00**            **Updates**
- **Montana-Alberta Tie, Ltd.** -- Jan Egteren, MATL representative
  - **Great Plains Wind & Energy** -- Staff
- 1:30**            **Public Service Commission update**
- Greg Jergeson, PSC Commissioner
- 2:00**            **University System Roles in Energy Development**
- Lee Spangler, MSU Bozeman
  - Laura Howe, UM Missoula
- 3:00**            **Break**
- 3:15**            **Update: Telecom Issues related to HJR 45 and HB 539 -- Staff**
- 3:30**            **Other**
- Approve ETIC study plans and overall work plan
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- 4:00**            **Public Comment:** Comment on any matter, whether or not contained in this agenda, that is within the jurisdiction of the ETIC
- 4:45**            **Wrap Up and Instructions to Staff**
- 5:00**            **Adjourn**

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