

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HOUSE FRET

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on January 9, 2013 at 9:30 A.M., in Room 317-A
Capitol

SENATE ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Alan Olson, Chair (R)
- Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
- Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
- Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
- Sen. Llew Jones (R)
- Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
- Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
- Sen. Jason Priest (R)
- Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

- Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
- Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
- Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Absent: None

HOUSE ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R – V Ch)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mary McNally, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Roger Hagan (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Proposed federal changes to how power marketing administrations operate.
Recommendations to upgrade federal transmission systems.

Committee Business:

00:24:00 Chairman Regier
00:27:38 Jennifer DeCesaro, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
[EXHIBIT\(ens03a01\)](#)

00:40:47 Ron Moulton, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)
01:02:26 Sen. Olson

Public Comment

01:03:28 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperative Association (MECA)
01:12:35 Travis Kavulla, Montana Public Service Commissioner (PSC)
[EXHIBIT\(ens03a02\)](#)

01:20:34 Sen. Olson

Committee Questions

01:21:02 Sen. Keane
01:21:23 Mr. Hardy, MECA
01:22:31 Sen. Keane
01:23:09 Ms. DeCesaro, DOE
01:27:23 Sen. Keane
01:28:05 Mr. Moulton, WAPA
01:31:14 Sen. Keane
01:31:30 Chairman Olson
01:31:33 Chairman Regier
01:32:06 Mr. Moulton
01:35:49 Sen. Jergeson
01:36:49 Mr. Moulton
01:39:46 Sen. Kaufmann
01:39:58 Ms. DeCesaro
01:40:44 Chairman Olson
01:41:00 Mr. Moulton
01:46:11 Chairman Olson
01:46:42 Sen. Larson
01:47:11 Chairman Olson
01:47:12 Chairman Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:
[EXHIBIT\(ens03a03\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(ens03aad.pdf\)](#)