



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

### 61th Montana Legislature

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#### State Capitol, Room 102

#### Monday and Tuesday, November 9-10

**AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. Note this is a draft agenda. Times and presentations are subject to change.**

### 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.            **TransCanada Pipeline**
1. Neil Myers, vice president Keystone XL Pipeline Project
  2. Public Comment
  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

10:15 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

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