



## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

### 61th Montana Legislature

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### **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee**

#### **State Capitol, Room 172**

#### **8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24**

#### **AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

Note this is a draft agenda. Times and presentations are subject to change.

- 8:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Chairman Driscoll
- 8:05 a.m.                    **Update on NCSL/PNWER Idaho workshop**  
1. Sen. Cliff Larsen
- 8:30 a.m.                    **Energy Policy: "Maximizing state land use for energy generation"**  
1. Monte Mason -- DNRC  
**Coal, oil and gas**  
2. Angela Farr -- DNRC  
**Biomass**  
3. Mike Sullivan -- DNRC  
**Wind**  
4. Montana Electric Cooperatives, MDU, NorthWestern  
5. Public Comment  
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 10:00 a.m.                    **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.                    **Energy Policy: "Rebuilding and extending transmission lines"**  
1. Tom Ring -- DEQ  
2. Tom Kaiserski -- Energy Development Division  
3. Bob Williams -- Montana Alberta Tie Line  
4. Marie Garrison -- Move MSTI  
5. NorthWestern, MDU, Montana Electric Cooperatives  
6. Public Comment  
7. ETIC Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 p.m.                    **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **Agency Overview Presentation** -- PSC Chairman Greg Jergeson

1:30 p.m. **Energy Policy: "Integrating wind energy"**

1. Bill Alexander -- NaturEner
2. Ted Williams -- Gaelectric
3. Bill Pascoe -- Small Wind Industry
4. NorthWestern, MDU, Montana Electric Cooperatives
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:15 p.m. **Qualifying Facilities**

1. Commissioner Greg Jergeson -- PSC
2. Suzanne Bessette -- QF's
3. John Hines -- NorthWestern
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:15 p.m. **Other Business**

1. Administrative rules -- Mr. Everts
2. Adoption of Final Work Plan -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Review of November Energy Policy issues -- Ms. Nowakowski
4. Instructions to Staff

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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