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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee of the Montana Legislature is seeking public comment through August 20 on draft legislation amending Montana's renewable energy portfolio standard.

The ETIC met in July and requested legislation revising the definition of an eligible renewable resource in Montana's renewable portfolio standard (Title 69, chapter 3, part 20) to include certain hydroelectric projects. The proposal would allow hydroelectric expansions completed after the draft takes effect to be included in Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard. The draft also grants the Public Service Commission rulemaking authority to clarify that the calculation of energy generation and renewable energy credits reflect the actual electrical production from the expansion as it relates to seasonal water conditions.

The draft legislation is available on the ETIC Web site at [www.leg.mt.gov/etic](http://www.leg.mt.gov/etic). Click on the link to the September 7 meeting to read the document, which is titled "LCet00".

The ETIC will meet September 7 in Helena to review and discuss the public comments it receives and to consider whether to bring it before the 2013 Legislature.

Public comments should be submitted to Sonja Nowakowski, ETIC staff, at [snowakowski@mt.gov](mailto:snowakowski@mt.gov) (put LCet00 the subject line) or to Legislative Services Division, Attn. Sonja Nowakowski, P.O. Box 201704, Helena, MT 59620-1704.

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