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Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
State Capitol, Room 172
Thursday, November 17

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

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9:00 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Vice Chairman Belcourt

9:05 a.m. **Rural Cell Phone Coverage**

1. Overview -- Bonnie Lorang
2. Mid-Rivers -- Bill Wade
3. Nemont -- Mike Kilgore
4. Triangle -- Rick Stevens
5. AT&T -- Jason Olson
6. Verizon -- Aimee Gromoljez
7. Cellular One -- Julia Tanner
8. Public Comment
9. ETIC Questions and Discussion

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Zinc Air**

1. Introduction -- Senator Jackson
2. Overview -- Kevin Waldher, vice-president/finance
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion

11:15 a.m. **One-call Update**

1. Stakeholder Update -- John Fitzpatrick and Doug Hardy
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion
4. ETIC Directions to Staff on Future Research

12:00 p.m. **Group Discussion with Education and Local Government Interim Committee -- ROOM 102**

1. Overview of Eastern Montana Bus Tour
   -- Rep. Rosendale
   -- Rep. Belcourt
2. Public Comment

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3. Questions and Discussion

1:00 p.m. **Universal System Benefits Program**

1. Overview -- Mr. Everts
2. Energy Share -- Rachel Haberman
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. Instructions to staff

2:00 p.m. **PSC Organizational Structure**

1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Perspectives -- Professor Jim Lopach and Former Georgia Commissioner Bobby Baker
3. Public Comment
4. ETIC Questions and Discussion
5. Instructions to Staff

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

3:15 p.m. **Agency Overview Presentation**

1. Overview -- PSC Chairman Travis Kavulla
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

3:45 p.m. **Energy Resource Development**

1. Update on HB 642 efforts -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:00 p.m. **Other Business**

1. Approval of September 16 minutes
2. Review of handbooks -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Rule review -- Mr. Everts
4. Instructions to Staff

4:15 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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