

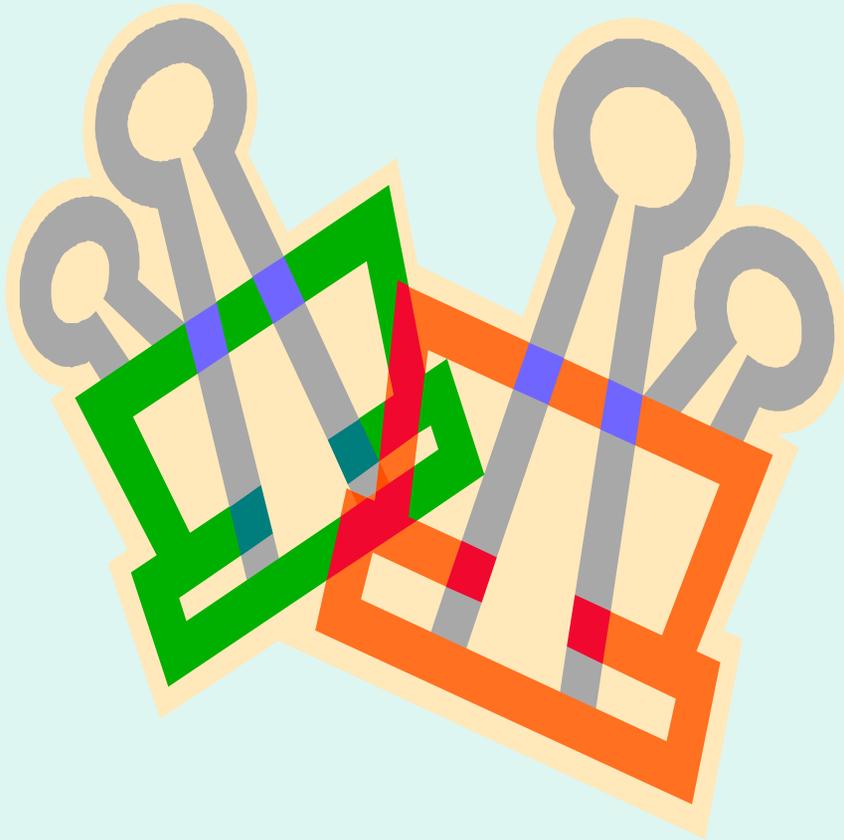
**Energy and Telecommunications
Interim Committee's Work Plan
Process**

June 21, 2013

ETIC Work Plan Process

- What is a Work Plan?
- Why does the ETIC need to adopt a Work Plan?
- How does the ETIC plan its work?
- What are the resources available to the ETIC?
- What are the decisions the ETIC will make regarding a Work Plan?

How does the ETIC plan its work?



- Draft work plan produced by staff based on assigned studies, suggested studies, and statutory duties.
- Available resources determined.
- Committee selection of options.
- Committee adoption of interim calendar.
- Detailed Work Plan developed.

ETIC Resources

- Committee budget
- Committee member time
- Staff resources = .80 Interim FTE



Decisions that need to be made



- Adopt a Work Plan through option selection that totals up to .80 FTE
- Adopt a Work Plan timeline
- Adopt interim draft calendar

ETIC Statutory duties and obligations



- Review administrative rules
- Review agency legislation
- Monitor PSC activities
- Review select reports
- Energy policy

Statutory Duties

Duties

- **Oversee Public Service Commission**
 - Administrative Rules
 - Updates
 - Proposed Legislation
- **USB Review**
- **Geothermal Research**
- **Energy Policy Review**
- **Hydroelectric Potential**
- **Renewable Energy Credits**

Energy Policy (SB 65 and SB 305, 2011)



- Changes made by 2011 Legislature
- Time Investment
- Public Involvement
- Committee Discussion

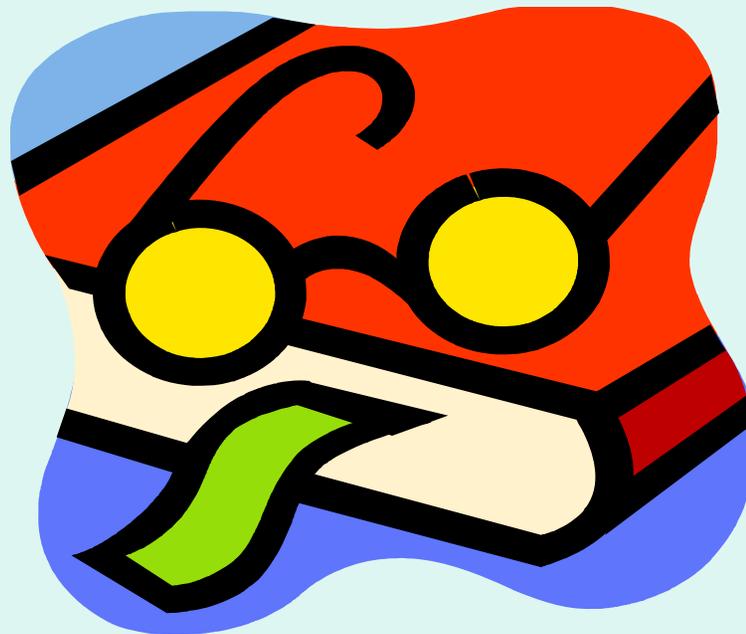
Assigned Studies



- Senate Joint Resolution No. 6. Study Montana's RPS
- Ranked #3 in Legislative poll and assigned to ETIC
- Impact the Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act has had in Montana?

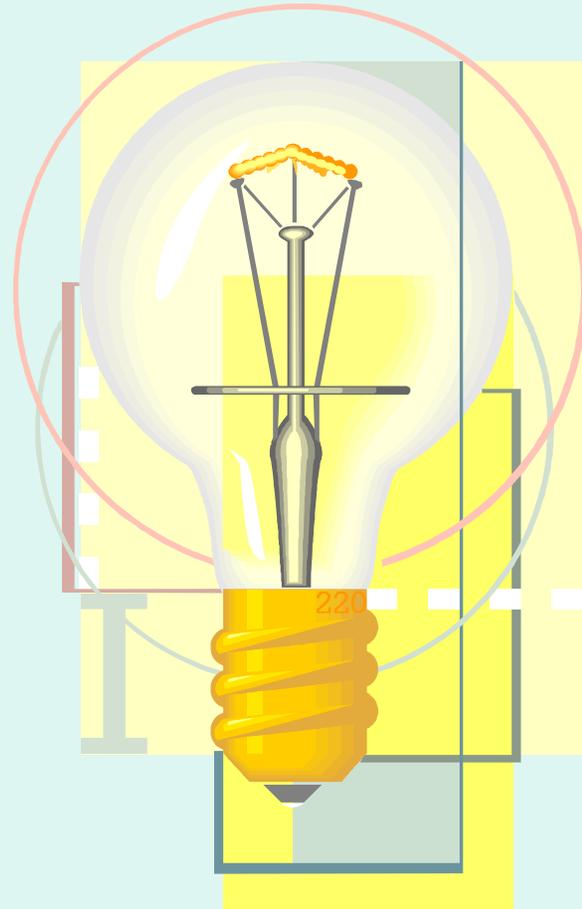
ETIC publications

- “A Citizen’s Guide to Montana Energy Law”
 - Produced in 2002; Updated in 2004, 2008, 2010, 2011
- “Understanding Electricity in Montana: A Guide to Electricity, Natural Gas and Coal Produced and Consumed in Montana”
 - Produced in 2002; Updated in 2004 and 2010



ETIC Member Suggested Topics

- Study Green Schools Initiative
- Examine Interoperability



Study Green Schools Standards



- Senate Joint Resolution No. 29
- Study Options
- Sen. Driscoll suggestions

Examine Interoperability



- Background
- Study options
- Tracked in previous interims
- Sen. Olson suggestions

Future Agenda Items (Not in Work Plan)



- Stranded 9-1-1 Funds
- Related 9-1-1 Matters
- Update on ECP and SME
- Alternative Energy Tax Incentives
- Other ideas for workplan or agenda?