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**Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee**  
**State Capitol, Room 172**  
**Friday, November 8**

**AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.**

**Friday, November 8**

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call - Chairman Larsen**

8:35 a.m. **Follow-up on 9-1-1 Issues: 2013 Legislative Proposals**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Stranded Funds HB 575 Implementation -- Quinn Ness, DOA
3. Stranded Funds HB 575 Outcomes -- Bonnie Lorang, MITs
4. Stranded Funds HB 575 Outcomes -- Harold Blattie, MACO
5. Prepaid Issues HB 509 Introduction -- Vice Chairman Regier
6. Prepaid Issues HB 509 Perspectives -- Chuck Denowh, Prepaid
7. Prepaid Issues HB 509 Perspectives -- Gene Walborn, DOR
8. Public Comment
9. ETIC Questions and Discussion
10. ETIC Action, if necessary

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **RPS Discussion Environmental Impacts -- Overview and Opportunity**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. DEQ -- Garrett Martin and Jeff Blend
3. NREL -- Lori Bird (request pending)
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

11:15 a.m. **RPS Discussion Environmental Impacts -- Utility Diversification**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Montana-Dakota Utilities --
3. NorthWestern Energy --
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion

12:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**  
**NorthWestern Energy's Purchase of PPL Dams**

1. NorthWestern Energy --
2. Public Service Commission -- Chairman Gallagher

3. NorthWestern Energy --
4. Public Comment
5. ETIC Questions and Discussion
6. ETIC Action, if Necessary

1:00 p.m.

**Universal System Benefits Program**

1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public Service Commission -- Chairman Gallagher
3. NorthWestern Energy --
4. Montana-Dakota Utilities --
5. Rural Electric Cooperatives --
6. Public Comment
7. ETIC Questions and Discussion
8. ETIC Action, if Necessary

2:00 p.m.

**Utility Competitive Solicitation Process**

1. Introduction -- Ms. Nowakowski
2. Morgan and Howard Study -- Will Rosquist, PSC
3. Oversight Resources -- Bryan Rogan
4. NorthWestern Energy --
5. Public Comment
6. ETIC Questions and Discussion
7. ETIC Action, if Necessary

3:00 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m.

**Agency Overview Presentation**

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

3:45 p.m.

**Rule Review and Update on QF EIS and Rulemaking**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Public Comment
3. ETIC Questions and Discussion

4:15 p.m.

**Other Business**

1. Approval of September minutes
2. 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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